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Treasury and CBI kept waiting for ½pc drop

Banks rebuff Lawson's call for rates cut

By Peter Rodgers, City Editor

The main clearing banks yesterday calculatedly rebuffed the Chancellor's attempt to get base lending rates down 0.5 per cent to 12 per cent. They caused confusion in the City, concern at the CBI and surprise in Whitehall.

The pound continued its rise against a rapidly weakening dollar on the foreign exchanges. It closed just over half a cent higher at $1.3887 after passing $1.39 during the day.

The stand-off over base rates came despite Bank of England moves to underline its decision on Thursday to cut its own dealing rates in the City's money markets by a half per cent.

The Bank marginally shaved some of its rates again as a technicality to consolidate at a level consistent with 12 per cent base rates. The Bank of England does not want any greater reduction than half per cent but was left yesterday afternoon waiting for even that.

The clearing banks' rebuff drew criticism from the Confederatin of British Industry, which said: "We are concerned that base rate has not gone down today following the nudges given by the Bank of England. We are still looking for a two-point cut and we hope it will be at least a half *per cent on Monday.*"

NatWest and Barclays, which invariably make the first moves said only that they were keeping their base rates under review. Neither would explain their decision to ignore the Government's clear indication that it wanted a change.

One senior banker said that in spite of the Bank of England's *reduction very short* term interest rates in the wider banking markets remained stubbornly high so that his bank would lose money if it reduced base rate immediately. "There was no movement from us for very good commercial reasons," he added.

The Bank of England was also blamed for leaving a small shortage of funds in the banking system. Another banker said: "We are awaiting confirmation of easier trends in the market this week."

These technical explanations are unlikely to ease the irritation in Whitehall, where the Treasury is unable to express its views publicly because the clearing banks are theoretically free to determine their own rates.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, is thought to have ordered the downward shove because of the rapid rise this week in the value of the pound which has reinforced the pleas of industry not to let sterling get overvalued.

The employers' organisation returned to the attack last night by pointing out that at the present exchange rate against the German mark Britain is 42 per cent less competitive than in 1975.

The pound did lose against the mark closing 3.5 pfennigs down at DM4.0044 but this is still a high level.

A CBI spokesman said that the recent rapid rise of sterling had made it 14 per cent more valuable against the mark, "which is the currency our *members are most worried* about."

Even though the pound is up 31 per cent against the dollar since its low point this year, CBI members are less concerned about their competitiveness in the American market.

The CBI said it was also concerned about the volatility of exchange rates which made planning difficult. It called for Britain to become an operational member of the European Monetary System after first cutting interest rates to get sterling down to an acceptable rate against the mark.

The dollar was weak because of evidence of a sluggish American economy contained in US retail sales figures. Nevertheless, in spite of falls against European currencies sterling ended the day unchanged on its Bank of England index at 83.4 per cent of its 1975 value.

The clearing banks' tardiness unsettled the stock market, which had expected a base rate cut. The FT 30 share index was down 8.4 at 926.

THE government yesterday revealed better than expected inflation figures showing only a 0.2 per cent price rise in June, the smallest this year, leaving the annual inflation rate unchanged at 7 per cent. One of the main reasons for the Chancellor's hard line on interest rates — until this week — was to keep the pound strong to help inflation to fall later in the year.

Building societies confirmed a pick-up in receipts in the first week of July to over £200 million in line with the £800-million-a-month target. It *is the first glimmering of* hope for a cut in mortgage rates which would also help to reduce inflation, as would this weekend's move to lower petrol prices.

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Sterling's strength knocks 6p off petrol

By John Hooper, Energy Correspondent

BP yesterday led its rivals into the biggest single cut in the price of petrol since the war. The British multinational slashed 6p off the price of a gallon of four star taking it back below the £2 mark. Within hours, Shell and Esso had followed suit.

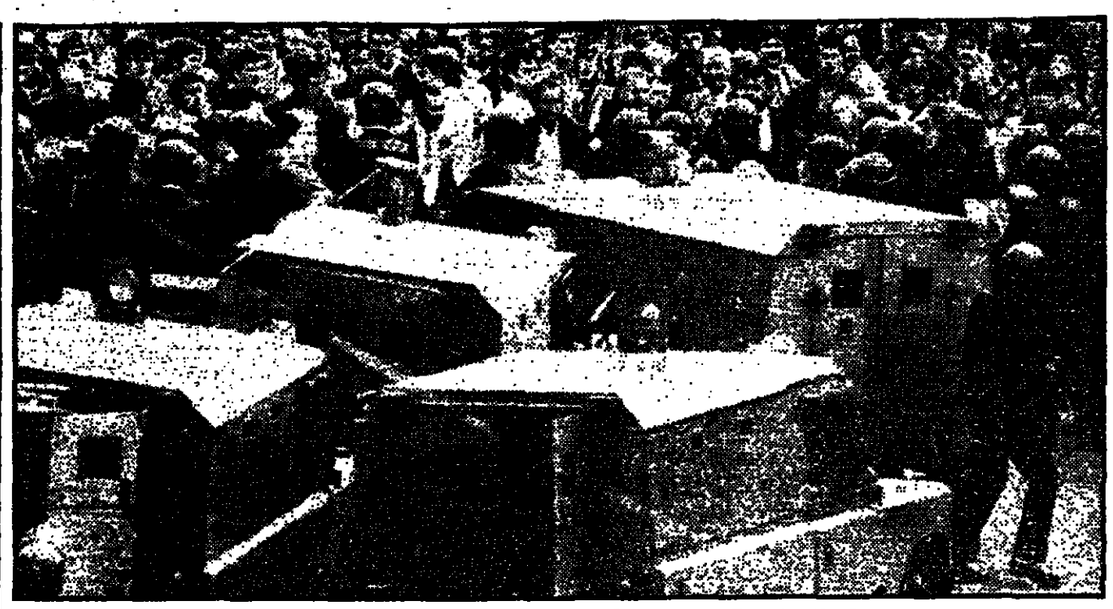
From midnight last night the standard price was £1.98.7p. But in those areas where stations have been offering cut-price petrol, there will be little or no difference because the companies are withdrawing the subsidies which have enabled their retailers to sell at below the so-called "scheduled price."

Last night's cut was forced on the oil companies by a combination of falling dollar oil prices and the rise in the pound. Oil is priced in dollars, so that if sterling is gaining the cost of oil goes down for British importers.

Independent chains have been picking up petrol on the Rotterdam spot market at bargain prices and selling it at below the level set by the multinationals, thereby forcing them to fight off the competition with dealer subsidies.

By the time Bp made its move yesterday it was providing subsidies for 800 of its 2,600 outlets. A number of MPs have recently joined the motoring organisations in calling for a cut.

Petrol prices have been on a switchback since the end of last year. They first went through the £2 barrier as a result of the 4p-per-gallon budget increase in March. They fell to 199.6p on *march 30*, but — in a highly controversial move — they were put up again to 204.6p two weeks later.



THE VIEW FROM OBINS STREET: Police vehicles form a wall to stop the Orangemen

RCs saved from beer and bigotry

From Paul Johnson in Portadown

A TINY part of Northern Ireland stepped back 16 years yesterday during the triumphal Orange parades celebrating King Billy's victory of 1690.

Obins Street in Portadown, a mile-long nationalist strip in the middle of Loyalist territory, was protected by a tight ring of soldiers and riot police.

Roman Catholic children chatted to the troops, inspected their rifles and climbed on to the green personnel carriers.

The mothers brought out mugs of tea and plates of sandwiches to make it just like 1969, when the army came into Northern Ireland to protect the Roman Catholics from Loyalist mobs.

At either end f Obins Street Orangemen, fuelled by bigotry and beer, fought to get past the police and army barricades to exercise what they called their civil rights of being able to march where and when they like in Northern Ireland.

The perversity of Ulster politics was there for all to see. Those waving Union flags and shouting about law and order and loyalty were throwing anything they could get their hands on at the police and soldiers.

At one point in the afternoon, the effect of drink just beginning to sink in, the several hundred-strong crowd fronted by a pipe and drum band managed a 10-minute hail of stones, bricks and bottles.

There was fighting with the police and with fists shaking in the air, they chanted "SS, RUC." A full followed, the band struck up God Save the Queen, and the fighting started up again.

There was disorder on the Orange side of the barricades. Mr James Walls, a Democratic Unionist member of the Northern Ireland Assembly who believes in hanging and Northern Ireland having its own independent nuclear deterrent, said 15,000 Orangemen could be summoned within 10 minutes.

His more immediate problem was to find a megaphone.

Attempts to talk to Orange leaders about the demonstration and their anger at being prevented from marching through Obins Street, where their forefathers have walked for more than a century, proved difficult.

Outside Corcrain Orange Hall reporters who approached an old Orangeman with badges of rank on his sash were threatened with a good kicking.

One outburst of particularly furious missile-throwing brought the firing of plastic bullets from the police. *Then*

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Midlands win bid for Olympics

By David Hearst

BIRMINGHAM, *was last* night chosen as the city to make Britain's bid to host the Olympic Games in 1992. The vote of the National Olympic Committee of the *British Olympic Association* was overwhelming, with 25 votes cast for the city, five for Manchester, and only two for London.

Mr Charles Palmer, chairman of the BOA, said the key factor in their decision was their wish to keep as many of the events as possible on one site, and they were not convinced that the M25 would minimise the problems of crossing London.

Mr Palmer said: "Birmingham was clearly the best of the bids. Then we *had to decide if they were* worthy to be put forward to the International Olympic Committee selection in October 1986, and it was decided unanimously that they should go forward."

Mr Denis Howell, the former Labour minister of sport who became involved in Brimingham's bid four weeks ago, said he was delighted by the decision and confident that the city could be chosen to host the games.

He said that Birmingham already had nine halls of residence and the National Exhibition Centre, representing £25 million of sporting facilities. If successful, the bid would be worth £1 billion after the Olympic village and superdrome stadium for up to 100,000 spectators were built.

It is understood that Birmingham City Council has already devoted £500,000 to *allow the winning consortium* to mount the challenge, which has to be made by March next year.

Mr Howell said: "We are in touch with the international market and we are absolutely sure that we shall not ask for one penny of public money." He said their intention was to make a profit of £350 million on the games.

Brisbane, Barcelona and Paris are leaders in the race to host the games.

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Joseph blocks new-look deal to give teachers 7.5pc package

By Andrew Moncur, Education Staff

Leaders of the employers, *convinced that they have devised* a pay package which can crack the five-month teachers' dispute, ran into a Government stone wall yesterday — and cold water from the unions.

The informal proposals come in three stages which must hang together or fall apart at Tuesday's resumed talks in the Burnham negotiating committee.

The Labour-led local authority employers have already overstretched their budgets to frame the offer and can look for no immediate help from *Sir Keith Joseph, the Education* Secretary, who again refused more money to fund an increased 1985 wage deal.

The deal depends on the unions agreeing a new teachers' contract and a package of salary structure reforms tied into the settlement. It will then have to be sold to Sir Keith in return for the promise of more cash to come next year.

Mr Fred Jarvis, the union leader on Burnham described the figures as utterly and deliberately misleading after they had been released by the enthusiastic employers.

Mr Jarvis, the general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, criticised the acting leader of the management side, Mr John Pearman, for juggling with figures while the conditions have still to be officially tabled.

"Even when they are dressed up in the way Mr Pearman has attempted, the increases the employers are canvassing *fall far short of the* amounts necessary to make a serious start on the restoration of the erosion of teachers' pay levels," he said after a meeting of the NUT executive.

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, the deputy general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said: "As soon as you start involving Sir Keith you make settlement virtually impossible. The figures must be higher and the conditions less stringent."

The head teachers are also worried about the attempt by the employers to tilt the settlement towards lower paid

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "There is a distinct danger that the heads will be sold down the river."

The local authority leaders remained undismayed. A group of Labour negotiators met Sir Keith yesterday.

Mr Pearman said later: "*What we clearly did not get* from him was any easing of his negative attitude on money this year. I am not optimistic about that but I have not given up hope."

The ingenious three-part package amounts to a 7.5 per cent increase over the year —

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Laker victims to be paid $48m

By David Simpson, Business Correspondent

The 14,000 ticket-holders stranded when Laker Airways went bankrupt three years ago will be fully compensated within the next few weeks.

The company liquidator agreed a $48 million settlement yesterday with 11 defendants whom he had sued for $1 billion, including British Airways.

The agreement will not free the way for the delayed privatisation of British Airways as Sir Freddie Laker is refusing to accept an *individual compensation* offer of $8 million from the airlines.

The companies were being sued in the United States on *the grounds* that they allegedly conspired to drive Laker Airways out of business. The deal was agreed in Washington after the liquidator, Mr Christopher Morris, met lawyers *from the airlines* who also included British Caledonian, Pan Am and Lufthansa as well as the plane makers McDonnell Douglas, and the McDonnell Douglas Finance Corporation.

Sir Freddie ... waiting to see settlement

Sir Freddie, speaking in Miami, would say only: "I could not possibly make any comment until I see all the i's dotted and the t's crossed. It's not something you can shoot from the hip on."

BA is still facing other *claims in US courts, including* one for $65 million by Mr Bob Beckman, the Washington lawyer who has represented the liquidator in his claims against BA and the other international airlines. Mr Beckman has also rejected an $8 million settlement.

A further claim is a $327 million suit for damages brought by Lonrho, the international trading group, which formed two unsuccessful travel companies with Sir Freddie after the Skytrain group went bankrupt. BA said yesterday that it had no intention of paying Lonrho a penny.

A BA spokesman said that the main obstacle to the privatisation of the group has now been removed. It is unlikely, *however, that the Government* can proceed with its planned £1 billion sale while Sir Freddie's anti-trust case remains outstanding.

The privatisation has already been postponed from this February and is not expected to take place until next spring at the earliest.

Mr Colin Marshall, the chief executive of BA, said last night: "Settlement bears no admission of guilt. BA and the other deefendants have denied

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Tactics switch

MR Ken Livingstone, the GLC leader, is trying to persuade London Labour Party to stop trying to prevent the council's abolition. He wants the party *to avoid blame for the chaos* he believes will follow. Back page.

Big noises

LIVE Aid, the world's biggest pop concert, links Wembley stadium and Philadelphia with a potential television audience of one billion people today in the hope of raising £10 million for famine relief. Page 2. Leader comment, page 2.

The weather

SUNNY periods, warm. Details, back page.

Britoil disappoints

BRITOIL, in which the Government is expected to sell its *remaining* stake this month, announced a disappointing *£91.4 million after*-tax profit for the first half of the year. Page 18.

Plomley funeral

MORE than 1,000 people honoured Roy Plomley, presenter of Desert Island Discs, at a memorial service in London yesterday whih included a tape of the broadcaster playing the zither. Page 3.

Ex-PC cleared

A FORMER policeman who served four years in goal for murder because police evidence was withheld from his counsel was cleared yesterday. Page 2.

Home truth

A WIFE had no financial interest in her home because she had made no contribution towards paying for it, the Appeal Court ruled yesterday. Page 4.

Deaths blame

ENGLISH society was responsible for the 38 deaths in the riot at the European Cup final in Brussels because it tolerates violence, the Belgian Interior Minister said yesterday. Page 7.

Dignified exit

THE Cypriot couple who *have spent* 135 days in a London church, seeking sanctuary from a deportation order, said yesterday that they would leave Britain "with dignity" on Monday. Page 4.

Legal forces group for London invasion

By Malcolm Dean

The biggest American invasion force since the second world war began arriving in London yesterday for the American Bar Association's annual convention, which starts on Monday.

About 10,000 lawyers with 10,000 spouses, children, other relatives and friends will have arrived by then, filling some 120 hotels and renting 4,000 cars for the five-day conference.

It will be London's biggest convention, earning an estimated £30 million for the tourist industry. A business session already held in Washington was opened by President Reagan, who welcomed 8,000 delegates to "the last tax-deductible convention of the ABA."

He proposes to end the lawyers' right to deduct professional conference expenses from tax demands, but ABA officials did not look too concerned by this threat yesterday. One official said that the proposals had to get through Congress "where some 50 per cent of the members are lawyers and the other 50 per cent will be hearing from the powerful hotel and restaurant lobbies."

This is the fourth "offshore" ABA convention to be held in London. The previous three were in 1924, 1957 and 1971 and the only other overseas venue has been Australia.

Compared with the United Kingdom, the United States has three times as many lawyers per head of population. There *are about 600,000, with the* ABA representing 310,000 of them. Some do not join because there are state and local bar associations below the ABA, which claims to be the world's biggest voluntary professional association.

It has a staff of 600, a budget of $50 million a year. It leaves fee negotiations to local and state bar associations, concentrating instead on professional issues.

A recent survey by the ABA journal suggested that members' average annual salary was $57,000, although an official here suggested that this might have been exaggerated "to impress our advertisers." Some big firms have up to 80 partners, each earning more *than $200,000 a year.*

The UK establishment has been going all out to welcome the Americans. There are to be garden parties on three successive nights in each of the four inns of court and Mr John C. Shepherd, the ABA's president, has been made an honorary master of the bench of the Middle Temple and honorary member of the Law Society — the first time anyone is believed to have picked up both distinctions.

Mr Shepherd made much yesterday of the links between UK and the US, noting that five of the people who signed the Declaration of Independence were benchers of the Middle Temple.

Each delegate will have the choice of 30 plenary sessions and 130 seminars. On arrival they will receive a bundle of papers weighing 6lb and could, if they made the complete round, pick up papers weighing 25lb. For the indefatigable there are another two days of seminars, which will run concurrently in Edinburgh and Dublin at the end of the week.

The conference will open in the Palace of Westminster, where there are 1,800 places for the 10,000 delegates. Mrs Thatcher will address about 5,000 in the Albert Hall on Monday afternoon.

Today

On target

In March 1943 a Mosquito dropped a stick of target indicators above the Krupps factory in Essen. Within 40 minutes more than 600 acres of the plant had been laid waste, and Bomber Command's strike efficiency went up from 5 to 60 per cent.

Third day

Matthew Engel at the Trent Bridge Test. Page 13.

Waiting for Godard

Colin MacCabe celebrates next week's television season devoted to the works of the French film-maker. Page 10.

Monday

FOSTER HOME

Who can cope with wayward teenagers? Polly Toynbee talks to a woman who does.

GLOBAL NIGHTMARE

Do they know it's Wembley? Terry Coleman reports from the Live Aid concert.

BLACK SECTIONS

Has Labour ever really shown itself willing to represent the needs and demands of black people in this society? Stuart Hall argues the case for structural change.

Tuesday

DISAPPEARING ACT

The new man? The anti-sexist male of the late 1970s? Where is he now? Guardian Women investigates.

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You can't switch off the African famine.

You may be able to turn off the TV coverage of the Live Aid concert this weekend, but you certainly can't switch off the African famine.

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Thames TV chief quits in row over Dallas

By Peter Fiddick

MR BRYAN Cowgill yesterday resigned as managing director of Thames Television in the six-month row over *Dallas*, the American soap opera he snatched from the BBC.

Mr Cowgill blamed the Independent Broadcasting Authority for his decision to quit the £85,000-a-year job, claiming that the IBA had threatened that the company's franchise would not be renewed unless the series was given back to the BBC.

He attacked the "cosy and dangerous accommodation" between the BBC and ITV behind the affair, and singled out the chairman and director-general of the IBA as "the first source of pressure" on Thames.

"The whole affair of Dallas is a worrying indication that decisions made by myself and my colleagues are being second-guessed by the hierarchies of the IBA and the BBC," he said.

Announcing Mr Cowgill's departure, "by mutual agreement," Mr Hugh Dundas, chairman of Thames, praised *his eight-year contribution to* the company, and said: "He will be greatly missed, personally and professionally."

Mr Cowgill will be replaced by Mr Richard Dunn, who as director of productions for the past three years has been involved in the network policy making on cable and satellite.

Mr Cowgill's fall started rumours last night that the deal to put Dallas back onto BBC-1 screens is imminent

Mr Bryan Cowgill — "IBA to blame"

— and that the announcement would if possible be delayed until Wednesday night, when the final episode of the present series is broadcast.

The deal being struck is unprecedented in its three-way trade-off. It is further complicated by the acrimonious relationships between the controller of the rights to the series, Mr Kevin O'Sullivan, chairman of Worldvision, and the BBC and ITV, which he regards as being in unprincipled collusion

With the BBC refusing to go above its January offer, around $47,500 an episode, and *Worldvision refusing to* take less than the $60,000 quoted in its Thames contract, the bargain appears to be that the ITV companies will make up all or part of the difference for the privilege of not showing the series.

The split in the ITV ranks has been revealed by a programme controllers' meeting last week at which 10 of the 14 companies involved sided with Thames in agreeing to run the series next season. The three opponents, however, Yorkshire, Central, and Granada, account for some 50 per cent of the total ITV *audience*.

Mr Cowgill, aged 57, last night defended his bid for *Dallas as a good commercial* purchase, and not one which would put the price of other US series through the ceiling.

If the network had screened it Thames's share would have been £10,000 an episode, which would still have made it the cheapest programme in its peak time schedule. Throughout the affair the other three executive directors on the Thames board, including Mr Dunn, supported this view.

When the deal between BBC, ITV, and Worldvision is announced the Office of Fair Trading will show renewed interest.

The management upheaval will not make life any easier for Thames Television, which has *suffered more* than other companies from this year's stagnation in advertising revenue.

Its sales director resigned suddenly earlier this year and his successor, Mr Jonathan Shier, *has already* caused an upheaval in the department. Richard Dunn was apparently being groomed for the managing director's chair, as one of the younger breed of ITV manager-technocrats, with Mr Cowgill succeeding as chairman.

Mr Cowgill came up through local journalism, joined the BBC's outside broadcast unit, was head of sport for nine years, and became controller of BBC-1 in 1974.

Union afraid cuts will lead to tension and violence

Prisons to save cash by closing 80 workshops

By Paul Brown

More than 80 prison workshops will be closed and 300 instructor jobs will be lost under a Home Office plan to save money in prisons in England and Wales.

Manufacturing carried out by prisoners costs the prison department £2 for every £1 of goods sold. Losses are running at £25 million a year.

The Home Office has called in City accountants Price Waterhouse, and Crayton, Lodge and Knight, the advertising firm which markets Cadbury's chocolate bars, as consultants to advise on marketing products from the remaining workshops.

Most of the output is uniforms, prison furniture, mail bags and other goods for government agencies, but quite a large amount goes out for private sale, including large numbers of T shirts.

There are more than 2,000 products, including the outside *boxes for burglar alarms.*

In a Commons written reply yesterday the Home Secretary promised that the closure of the workshops would not mean that prisoners would spend more time in their cells. They would be found more maintenance jobs round the pirsons.

There are 312 workshops involving 96 different trades in 125 prisons. There are more than 1,000 instructors. About a third are prison officers and *the rest civilians.*

One problem is that with the increase in the number of remand prisoners who do not have to work the workshops are less and less used. In 1975 the number of hours worked in prison industries by a much smaller prison population was 21 million hours. In 1985 it is expected to be 9.1 million.

Top of the Home Office list for closure are 69 workshops *working less than 15 hours a* week. It is hoped that most of the jobs lost will go in natural wastage or movement to other prisons due to be opened in the next few years.

The cuts are intended to save £10 million in a full year, but so far the details of the closure programme have not been worked out. Further reorganisation will be needed before the Prison Department can reach the target of breaking even financially in five years.

Winders fix meeting with union rebels

By Jane McLoughlin, Industrial Relations Correspondent

North Staffordshire winders, a key group of 40 who operate miners' cages, decided yesterday to talk to Nottinghamshire pitmen about joining a federation separate from the *National Union of* Mineworkers.

Mr Roy Lynk, leader of the breakaway Nottinghamshire miners, also claimed as "a slight victory" the decision by representatives of the NUM's 16,000-strong white-collar section to hold further discussions on leaving the national union.

The winders told their branch secretary, Mr Steve Higginson, to contact the Nottinghamshire men and any other breakaway groups. They are interested in a federation with *them and independent Durham* Colliery Trade and Allied Craftsmen, created by working *miners* expelled during and after the NUM strike.

The National Coal Board has informally recognised the dissident mechanics' union. Mr George Hunter, chairman of the group, said that the NCB had agreed to reprogramme a computer so that union subscriptions could be deducted before members receive pay packets.

The new union and Mr Lynk's group have agreed in principle to federation. Meanwhile, members of the Colliery *Officials' and Staffs' Associa*tion (Cosa) are to be asked for their views on splitting *from the national union* at branch level, and may hold a ballot after the general council meets in August.

Mr Trevor Bell, Cosa's general secretary said yesterday after a meeting of its council: "I am not saying we will not get involved with the Nottinghamshire breakaway but our members have stated they want an independent organisation."

His members feared that they could be called upon to take part in a dispute without proper democratic consultation, and that their interests might be merged with other areas of the NUM.

The TUC and the Labour Party are trying to avoid the split between the national union and supporters of the Nottinghamshire men but there are signs of possible trouble brewing in Hem Heath colliery, North Staffordshire.

Thirty miners from Yorkshire and South Wales who worked during the strike and are considering transfers have visited with their wives with a view to *transfer. Hem Heath* has a militant leadership which may oppose the idea.

Colin Brown adds: Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, is expected to add his weight today at the Durham miners' gala to cautious attempts to prevent a breach in the movement over the breakaway Nottinghamshire union.

He is likely to stress unity and the importance of unions carrying the support of their members. Mr Lynk's group must ballot members before it can be legally launched.

The Trade and Industry Secretary, Mr Norman Tebbit, *said in a speech at Chelmsford* last night that Mr Kinnock has used Mr Scargill, the NUM *president, as a scapegoat for* Labour's failure at the Brecon byelection while refusing to give wholehearted backing to the Nottinghamshire breakaway union.

Mr Kinnock will be sharing a platform with Mr Scargill

Another South Wales pit under threat of closure

By Paul Hoyland, Welsh Correspondent

The National Coal Board indicated yesterday that it expects to close Markham colliery in Gwent, taking the proposed number of job losses in South Wales pits to more than 2,600 since end of the coal strike.

Bedwas, Celyne South and Treforgan have been accepted *for closure, but the men at St* John's colliery, in Maesteg, mid-Glamorgan, are fighting the plan to shut their pit.

The National Union of Mineworkers fears that the board will announce yet another closure next week—at Penrhiwceiber colliery in mid-Glamorgan, which employs 600 *men.*

If St John's, Penrhiwceiber and Markham fail to win reprieves in colliery review procedures South Wales will have lost 3,250 jobs and six of the 28 pits which existed before the strike.

At a meeting in Cardiff yesterday NCB management told the unions of its concern about worsening conditions at Markham, where both coal faces were said to have severe geological faults. In a statement the board said it had been predicted five years ago that reserves would be exhausted in about 1985. If the colliery closed the 518 men would be given the opportunity to transfer to other pits.

Mr Cliff Davies, the board's newly appointed director in South Wales, has denied that those collieries whose future is secure might become unable to absorb all the men now being transferred from other pits.

He has called for a 25 per cent increase in productivity

Mr Davies rejected claims by a former NCB geologist that there were 4 million tonnes of workable reserves at St John's colliery.

Treasury presses Fowler for NHS changes

By Colin Brown, Political Reporter

Radical reforms of primary health care are being urged on health ministers by the Treasury in return for some protection in the Cabinet's review of public expenditure.

The Treasury is believed to support some of the ideas advanced by Professor Alain Enthoven of Stanford University, California, in a policy review of the NHS which will be followed up with a more wide-ranging report later this year.

He has suggested that pilot schemes should be established to allow GPs to operate more closely with hospitals. In some cases they should be encouraged to take on more minor surgery.

The idea, supported by the BMA, is that GPs would be more cost-effective than hospitals for many illnesses currently referred to consultants. Doctors would be encouraged to reduce queues by buying care from private specialists, for example, with hip operations.

Professor Enthoven's main proposal is for an internal market with district health authorities competing for patient care. That would be too far-reaching to produce any short-term savings but other proposals have gained substantial ministerial support.

Ministers are understood to be actively looking at ways suggested by Professor Enthoven for improving the ability of patients to choose the time of their operations.

This was reflected in a speech by Mr John Patten, the junior health minister, this week when he said the Government was planning to produce proposals which would be designed "to make services more sensitive and responsive to the need of the patient."

The proposals are to be included in a *Department of* Health green paper which has been delayed for a year. It was thought that it was being postponed indefinitely but it is understood that the Treasury is keen to revive the efficiency review of the family practitioner services.

The Social Services Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler, will have to persuade the Treasury that he can guarantee more value for money, particularly on the family practitioner services, which are not cash-limited.

Mr Patten suggested that the Government would back another proposal for allowing GPs to issue brochures about their services, giving details about surgery times, whether the practice employed a female doctor or provided ante-natal care.

The cabinet will not face the difficult dicisions about where cuts in the 1986/7 budget should fall until after the summer recess. Ministers will hold bilateral meetings to seek savings in the bids which are believed to overshoot budgets by more than £5 billion.

Dr David Owen, the leader of the SDP, last night urged Tory wets to vote in favour of an Alliance motion on Monday insisting that the Government should fund the nurses' pay rise, which will largely fall on the health authorities.

Howe plays it cool

By Patrick Keatley, Diplomatic Correspondent

Argentina's rebuff to the diplomatic overture by Britain in lifting the three-year-old trade embargo has brought a low-key response from Sir Geoffrey Howe. The Foreign Secretary resisted any temptation to rebuke his opposite number, Mr Dante Caputo.

Whether this will win votes for Britain when Argentina tables her promised resolution at the *UN General Assembly* is hard to gauge, but Sir Geofrey has clearly decided to present the image of the unruffled, reasonable negotiator.

In a measured statement in London yesterday he described Mr Caputo's rejection of Britain's suggestion of talks on practical issues as "a disap*pointing response to* our intitiative."

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Convicted killer is innocent

By Malcolm Dean

A former policeman who served four years of a seven-year sentence for manslaughter after important police evidence has been withheld from his counsel was declared innocent *yesterday.*

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, said it would be an *understatement to describe the* case of Mr Keith Fellowes, aged 37, who was convicted in 1970 of killing Mr Harold Parkinson as extremely disturbing.

"This is not a case of a verdict being unsafe or unsatisfactory. It has been proved conclusively to the satisfaction of this court that this man did not commit this crime," he said.

Lord Lane said the trial had been impeccably conducted by Mr Justice Caulfield. It had coincided with the break-up of Mr Fellowes' first marriage. The defendant had been in a "psychologically fragile" state at the time and his lawyers had decided not to call him because he would have cut a sorry figure.

The Crown had claimed that Mr Fellowes' motive for killing Mr Parkinson, aged 67, was that Mr Parkinson was a part-time detective investigating his marital affairs. A book found in Mr Parkinson's house included the name of Mr Fellowes' mother-in-law.

Mr Keith Fellowes and his wife, Coral, outside Court of Appeal in London after his conviction had been *quashed yesterday*

But defence counsel was never informed that the name was there because Mr Parkinson ran a debt-collecting agency and it referred to an unpaid coal bill.

Mr Fellowes' conviction was first called into question when a police informer, Leonard Pilot, referred to Mr Parkinson as having been asphyxiated in his revelations about serious crime in the North-west.

Pilot's evidence implicated a man named William Clark, who stood trial in Manchester last April for killing Mr Parkinson, but was acquitted of *manslaughter.*

A new investigation of the Fellowes case was held by the deputy chief constable of North Wales, Mr R. E. Evans. It was subsequently referred to the Appeal Court by the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan.

Lord Lane yesterday asked whether there would be any disciplinary charges against the police. Mr Richard Clegg, counsel for the Crown, said the case was now "stale," since many of the officers involved were now retired or dead.

Mr Fellowes, of Binfield, Berkshire, who became a "born again Christian" in 1978, was in court with his second wife when the verdict was announced. He said afterwards: "*It's the fulfilment* of a dream. It's been a test of my faith in God. Now I really be*lieve there is justice.*"

Asked whether he felt bitter, he said: "Unless you're in this position and these circumstances you can never manage to understand the trauma of serving a sentence, of being completely incarcerated by the system and yet knowing you are totally innocent. But bitterness — no. There's no embitterment left in my life now."

Mr Fellowes will receive compensation. In a similar case, Mr John Preece, who was freed in 1981 after serving eight years of a life sentence when the evidence on which he had been convicted was discredited, received £77,000.

Live Aid's £1m an hour aim to help feed starving of Africa

By Gareth Parry

LIVE AID, history's biggest pop concert, aims to raise around £1 million an hour *today for African famine* relief.

Its begetter, Bob Geldof, *the 32-year-old Irish rock* musician, now more famous as a fund-raiser than lead singer of the Boomtown Rats, acknowledges the irony of pop stars saving Ethiopians from starvation: "It's pathetic that the price of a life is a plastic record. But if that's the way it has to be, you have to use glamour."

Sixty-three rock acts will be playing on both sides of the Atlantic, their music and images transmitted from Wembley Stadium and Philadelphia by 11 satellites to a potential television audience of *1.5 billion people in 160* countries, including the Soviet Union and the United States.

"I reckon we'll get about £10 million. That's a conservative estimate," said Mr Geldof.

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The money will come from 72,000 Wembley tickets at £25 upwards, with a similar audience at JFK Stadium, Philadelphia, plus the worldwide sales of 16 hours of television and radio.

Live Aid is a natural successor to Geldof's Band Aid record Do They Know It's Christmas? which, with its American counterpart, We Are The World, seems likely to raise nearly £26 million — or as much as the British Government gave to Ethiopia last year.

Each country receiving the concert is setting up a telethon so that viewers can donate more money.

More money will come from corporate sponsorships and merchandising, although the organisers were worried *yesterday that the thousands* who travel to Wembley will become prey to pirates selling *everything from* eyeshades to mock souvenir programmes.

Official Live Aid goods will be clearly marked with the chairty's logo, a guitar-stemmed outline of Africa.

The Wembley show begins at noon, after the Prince and Princess of Wales have met the stars, and the transatlantic bill includes some of the most famous names in rock music, including Status Quo, Sting, Elton John and Paul McCartney.

WEMBLEY WAIT: Three early arrivals camp out to get a good place. Picture by John Wildgoose

The Who are back together after several years, and *Ozzy Osbourne* is reunited with Black Sabbath. Guitarist Jimmy Page and vocalist Robert Plant will perform some Led Zepplin songs.

The Pretenders and Phil Collins will play both concerts, thanks to Concorde, which has been provided free by British Airways.

The acts will include *Soviet hard rock group Auto*graph, performing live from Moscow, who will be the *first Russian pop stars to be* seen by a worldwide TV audience.

Donations may be sent to: Live-Aid Appeal, c/o National Giro Bank, PO Box 200, Liverpool L 69 3 HW.

Suicide kills his family

A man shot his wife and two children early yesterday before killing himself as armed police surrounded the house in Great Yarmouth.

Relatives and neighbours had pleaded with John Allen, aged 32, a lorry driver, to spare the children, Paul and Ann, 11 and nine, after he had killed his wife, Sharon, 30, during a row around midnight.

Mr Allen's brother, Robert, a groundsman who lives in the same street, said he was woken by shouting and shots.

*Robert Allen said he be*lieved that his brother, who suffered from depression and was extremely jealous, and his sister-in-law had had affairs, and she had only recently returned home after walking out.

Mr Allen said: "I saw John standing at an upstairs window. He called *out*, 'It's *no* use you coming round here. She asked for this.'

"I begged him not to harm the children, but he called back 'I've already done it. Now I'm going to kill myself."

Labour GLC loss

By John Carvel, Political Correspondent

The Labour Party this week lost a GLC byelection when the Alliance won Vauxhall. The byelection was one of three caused by the resignation of GLC councillors not wishing to serve for a fifth year after the Government's decision to scrap the GLC elections due last May. Labour performed creditably in the other two.

The Vauxhall byelection was caused by the resignation of Mr Brin Davies, former leader of ILEA, who gained 48.7 per cent in 1981, followed by the Conservatives on 27.6 and the Liberals on 5.5

On Thursday the Alliance candidate, Mr Michael Tuffrey, won with 49 per cent, followed by labour on 44.9 point. The by Labour on 44.9. The Tories did not put up a candidate.

Ms Margaret Jenkins held Putney for Labour with 61.4 per cent, with the Alliance second on 34.6 and no Tory candidate. Mr Robert Neill held Romford for the Conservatives with 42.7 per cent. Labour narrowly beat the Alliance into second place.

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MPs proclaim value of their American servants

By Alan Travis

MPs yesterday mounted a vigorous defence of their increasing use of temporary *reearch* assistants at the Commons, many of whom are provided free by American universities.

Feelings ran high during the debate on the Commons services committee report on the *increasing pressure on office* accommodation, canteen and library facilities at Westminster.

Many MPs had been infuriated to hear the charge by Mr Enoch Powell, the member for Down South, on BBC radio yesterday morning that an *MP* who was unable to work without a research assistant was *incompetent.*

Mr John Biffen, the normally placid Leader of the House, also upset some members when he observed that the cost of running Parliament, excluding MP's and peers' pay and allowance, had risen from £35 million to £48 million in four years, a 35 per cent increase.

"This is not a question of parliamentary squalor amidst public affluence," he angrily told the chamber of MPs pressing for more secretarial and research allowances. "I knew the House of Commons before the time of the research assistant, and the gov*ernment was given a rougher* and tougher time then by the backbenchers."

The current use of research assistants was just a fashion, and he was not convinced that *their number should be* increased.

Mr John Silkin, MP for Deptford and chairman of the Commons select committee on services, said he knew of no permanent solution to the problem of striking a balance between one MP's needs and another's freedom.

The report recommended that security checks be made on research students, and that they be given a proper grounding in the work of Parliament before being taken on.

There are 469 research assistants working in the Commons, more than half of them temporary. Some 50 are US university students who work for MPs for up to four months. The committee proposed to limit *the number of permits for* such temporary research assistants to 150 in a year, with only 50 issued at any one time.

Mr Bruce George, Labour MP for Walsall South, who has helped to organise the American students' programmes, said the interns had been criticised every time a photocopier broke down and had been accused of being CIA and KGB spies. Mr Norman Lamont had reportedly said that he got his black eye when he walked into a door which had been left open by an American research assistant.

"Until we have the resources to employ our own research assistants we remain grateful to anyone, British or *foreign, who is prepared to* give up their time and expertise to help us," said Mr George.

"Democracy is expensive but the pre-requisite is that MPs do not get their information simply by reading the Guardian or the Daily Telegraph that morning and then sounding off. Ministers can cope with that but they cannot cope with a properly researched question."

Many Labour MPs felt the idea of a lone MP operating without any back-up was a neanderthal view of his role at a time when proper scrutiny of the executive had never been more necessary.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sizewell verdict delayed

THE report of the Sizewell inquiry will not now be ready before November or December, *writes John Hooper.* Lord Gray, who acts as spokesman for the Department of Energy in the Lords, said on Thursday that the inspector, Sir Frank Layfield QC, "hopes to deliver his main recommendations before the end of this year."

The inquiry into the plan to build a pressurised water reactor on the Suffolk coast lasted 340 days and took evidence from 120 witnesses, setting a record for public inquiries.

Journalists begin computer setting

JOURNALISTS at the Portsmouth Echo, part of the Portsmouth and Sunderland newspaper group, will on Monday *start computer setting of editorial* copy with the agreement of the National Graphical Association, *writes Jane McLoughlin.*

The paper's management has agreed to NGA proposals that computer setting should proceed in editorial departments, *while further talks are held* about computer setting in the advertising department. The NGA has accepted a management pledge of no compulsory redundancies, and the possibility of transfer and retraining for other jobs within the company.

Midland bus drivers to strike

BUS drivers in the West Midlands have balloted to strike from Monday in support of a pay claim. The drivers have rejected a package which the area passenger transport executive claims would boost basic wages from £122 a week to around £150. Talks may continue over the weekend in an attempt to avert the strike.

Kuwaiti gaoled on drink charge

A WEALTHY Arab oil man who was still clutching a glass of whisky as he stepped from his car when police stopped him early yesterday morning for jumping a red light in Paddington, London, was gaoled yesterday for 28 days.

Nadar Idrees, aged 28, a Kuwaiti businessman who was more than three times over the legal drink limit, was also banned from driving for two years.

MP compensated by car thief

A YOUTH who was apprehended by Mr Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal MP for Yeovil, when stealing car wheels in a London street, was yesterday sentenced to 100 hours' community service work and ordered to pay Mr Ashdown £100 compensation for punching him.

The 44-year-old MP tried to make a citizen's arrest of Colin Mason, unemployed, of Walworth, South London, on June 12, and got a black eye for his trouble, Horseferry Road court heard.

Short's hopes fading fast

BRITISH chess champion, Nigel Short, now has little hope at becoming a world title candidate after he resigned on move 50 to Lev Polugaevsky of the Soviet Union at the inter-zonal last night, *writes Leonard Barden.*

With four points out of eight, Short dropped back to ninth place, two and a half points behind the leader, Vaganian of the Soviet Union. Van der Wiel, of Holland, is second while Sokolov of the Soviet Union, and Jansa, of Czechoslovakia, are joint third.

1,000 at final tribute to Roy Plomley

John Ezard attends the memorial service for the presenter of Desert Island Discs

RICHARD Baker beamed down at the congregation and said "As Roy might have said in his acting days, it's a splendid house for a matinee."

The broadcaster was talking yesterday to more than 1,000 people who filled the BBC church of All Souls, Langham Place, to honour a man famous for what he once called "a bit of freelancing I started doing for the BBC and haven't stopped."

It was a memorial service, light of touch and appropriately graceful, for Roy Plomley, interviewer of 791 castaways in 43 years of Desert Island Discs, the BBC's longest running entertainment programme.

He died in May, aged 71, after surviving requests from Norman Mailer and Hermione Gingold to take marijuana and the Albert Hall respectively to the island as their "one luxury." Four other men asked him for inflatable rubber women.

The service organisers tried to apply his undeviating rules and give him eight tunes, music chosen for a connoisseur of music, ranging from the Monk setting of Abide With Me to Debussy's Reverie and Faure's In Paradisum. But Richard Baker, giving the address, could not resist stretching it to 10.

The first extra was an old tape of an excruciating attempt at the Harry Lime Theme on zither and euphonium by Plomley and the comedian Jimmy Edwards for the 1948 night club skit programme, Gala Night at the Rhubarb Room.

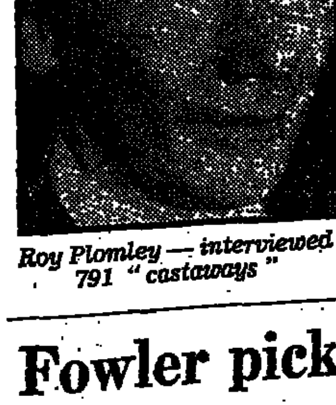
Plomley on zither plucked nervously at the same incessant two bars. Edwards on euphonium wandered round the theme like a lost elephant and the congregation in the Nash church rocked with laughter.

The other extra was the "one disc." Plomley would have chosen to take with him, "his favourite thing in the whole classical world," Mr Baker said before disclosing it as the last part of Beethoven's Emperor Concerto.

Mr Baker said that Plomley had no taste for politics, bureaucrats, motor cars, pollution or declining standards in the BBC. He loved Who's Who in the Theatre, "sneaking off to Sotheby's" to buy documents about the dukes of Monmouth or Wellington, cooking bouillebaisse, and the Savage Club which provided a horn quintet to play at his farewell.

The quintet was led by one of his 1975 castaways, Alan Civil, principal player for the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Another castaway that year, Valerie Masterson, sang Alleluia from Mozart's Exultate Jubilate.

Plomley himself would have made a bad castaway, Mr Baker said. He was too impractical. His local vicar, the Reverend Giles Harcourt of Holy Trinity with Wimbledon, talked of his "unfailing courtesy, quiet grace and unfailing ease of manner."



Roy Plomley — interviewed 791 "castaways"

Jimmy Edwards and Denis Norden with Roy Plomley's widow, Diana, and Richard Baker outside the church.
Picture by John Wildgoose

Warning over 'potentially serious matters'

Secret checks start new Savage suspension row

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

The chairman of Tower Hamlets health authority, Mr Francis Cumberlege, yesterday prompted a new row over the secrecy surrounding his suspension of the consultant obstetricians, Mrs Wendy Savage.

He told health authority members meeting in private that he had decided to investigate new and "potentially serious matters" raised by his inquiry into her treatment of five cases at The London Hospital.

But he refused to tell members, concerned about the treatment of mothers after Mrs Savage's suspension, whether the new investigation involved Mrs Savage or the whole obstetric department at the London Hospital.

Mrs Savage had not been informed of the new investigation yesterday, nor had details been given to health authority administrators.

Mr Cumbelege was not available for comment, but in a statement the health authority said: "In the course of the preliminary investigations other potentially serious matters have been raised. "The chairman has decided that these further matters should be investigated. In the meantime, Mrs Savage's suspension continues."

Wendy Savage — ready to go to High Court

Mrs Savage, a pioneer of low-tech community care for mothers, and the district's only woman consultant obstetrician was suspended by Mr Cumberlege 10 weeks ago.

He has since received reports on the five cases from three specialists, Professor John Dennis at Southampton, Professor Geoffrey Chamberlain at St George's London, and Professor Ronald Taylor at St Thomas's London. At least two of those reports are understood to be favourable to Mrs Savage.

The affair, which centres on her reluctance to perform caesareans unless absolutely necessary, began last year with an investigation by her head of department, Professor Jurgis Grudzinskas, and a fellow consultant, Mr Trevor Beedham.

A health authority member, Dr Alan Wootliff, confirmed yesterday that Mr Cumberlege had refused to tell them about the new investigation: "We were surprised at the chairman's statement that other serious matters had been raised," he said.

"We are in the dark. It is very frustrating. Mrs Savage has been suspended by the chairman and not by the health authority, but if I am party to a decision I must be told the reasons for it."

Tower Hamlets GPs supporting Mrs Savage warned Mr Cumberlege this week that the standard of care offered to mothers was declining. "We are concerned that no consultant is now present at the ante-natal clinics formerly supervised by Mrs Savage."

Mrs Savage's lawyers say they will take the case to the High Court unless she is reinstated by July 22.

Council suspects MI5 of raids

By Tom Sharratt and David Pallister

MI5 or the Special Branch may have been responsible for break-ins at the offices of police research units set up by Manchester City Council and the Greater London Council, it was claimed yesterday.

A meeting of Manchester council's police monitoring committee was told by the chairman, Mr Anthony McCardell: "I personally believe it is possible — it might even be probable — that there is some state agency involved."

Personnel from both units are connected with the inquiry set up by Manchester council into allegations of police violence against demonstrators during a visit to Manchester University students' union by the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, on March 1. Documents related to the inquiry were apparently the burglars' main target.

The units were set up to research police activities for the councils' police committees. They were a response to growing demands for more police accountability to local authorities.

The first break-in happened on June 25, between 9 pm and 10 pm at the London unit's sixth floor offices in county hall.

Mr Tony Bunyan, the deputy director of the unit and a member of the Manchester inquiry, returned to the office at 10 pm to find the lights on and an internal fire door off the latch.

Mr Bunyan found that the key to a filing cabinet had been stolen as well as his notebook of the inquiry's public hearings. The cabinet held material concerning matters outside London. The notebook reappeared in another office of the unit three days later.

The Manchester unit, on the fourth floor of St James' Building in the city centre, was ransacked the following night. It has given administrative support to the inquiry.

Mr Steven Wright, the director, told the committee that the door had been forced and drawers smashed open. An inquiry file containing the transcripts of court statements relating to the events of March 1 had been moved, and £1 of tea money was taken.

Mr Bunyan said last night: "I believe that whoever it was was probably looking for the private statements which have been made to our inquiry and the photographs that were taken by the students."

None of these have been shown to the police inquiry into the incident headed by a 12-man team from Avon and Somerset police.

Fowler picks BMA men to monitor drugs list

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

A truce was declared yesterday in the battle between the British Medical Association and the Government over the limited list of drugs which will be available on the National Health Service.

Three of the four GPs appointed by the Social Services Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler, to the committee which will monitor the list are senior BMA figures.

Dr John Callander, from West Lothian, and Dr John Lynch from North Wales, are members of the BMA's general medical services committee, which had refused to co-operate in drawing up the list. Dr Stuart Carne, from London, is an observer on that committee.

Announcing the new advisory committee on NHS drugs in a Commons answer yesterday, Mr Fowler said: "The committee will have an important part to play in ensuring that the selected list is kept up to date — by considering new drugs which become available and whether those on the list still represent the best value for money — and in dealing with any concerns which arise about the operating of the list itself."

Apart from the GPs, the 15 members include seven consultants, two pharmacists, and a professor of dentistry. They meet for the first time on July 23.

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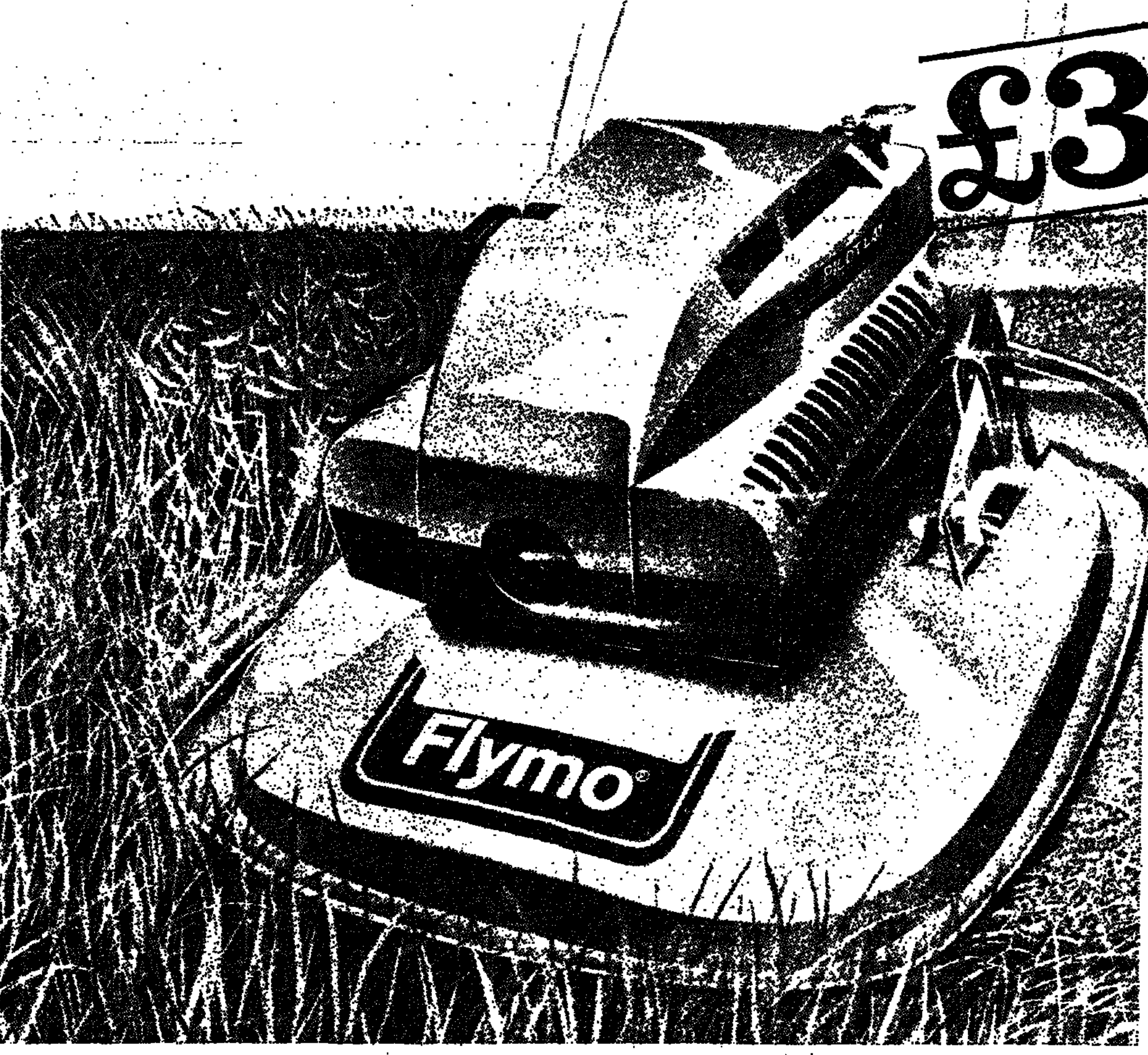

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Legal blow ends church refuge couple's fight to stay in Britain

By Sarah Boseley

Vassilis and Katerina Nicola, the Cypriot couple who took sanctuary from a deportation order in a London church, announced yesterday that they would be leaving Britain "with dignity" on Monday.

The couple, who have lived in St Mary's Church, Eversholt Street, Camden, for the past 135 days, were refused leave at the High Court on Tuesday to challenge a Home Office deportation order granted six years ago.

Although the Home Office has offered the couple 10 days of freedom from arrest to prepare for deportation Mr George Eugeniou, of the Cypriot Advisory Service, said that they did not need the Home Office's "petty generosity."

They would leave of their own accord on a free flight offered to them by Cyprus Airways.

Mr Eugeniou praised those at St Mary's and in the wider religious community for their support of Mr and Mrs Nicola, but he said he was disappointed that the Archbishop of Canterbury had decided not to lend his voice to their cause.

He said: "It would have given a great boost to the morale of the couple if he had done. The church leaders should have gone further than they have gone. They have accepted the legal argument, but we say it is a moral argument."

Vassilis and Katerina Nicola — 'leaving with dignity'

The couple were forced to leave their home in the northern part of Cyprus in 1974 when the Turkish army invaded. Their claim to stay in Britain was based on their assertion that they had been displaced.

In a statement yesterday they claimed: "It is the fault of the British Government that we find ourselves in this situation today." Britain at the time of the invasion was "a guarantor power," they say, and yet did nothing to prevent the invasion.

The couple's Labour Euro-MP, Mr Stan Newens, backed their view

He said: "We had a moral right to give them refuge. In fact, we have denied them that refuge. I think it is utterly appalling." A future Labour government, he believed, would make it possible for Mr and Mrs Nicola to return to Britain.

Mr Nicola said: "I feel very angry when a man has a just cause and cannot get justice. Next week it is the anniversary of losing our home, and it is really a bitter blow that we have to be thrown out of our home in England."

He and his wife, who he says has been made ill by the stress of their months avoiding arrest in the church, will have to join his brothers and sisters in Cyprus, themselves refugees in poor and overcrowded conditions.

The couple, who supported themselves during their 11-year stay in Britain working in a clothing factory, do not know if they will be able to find work in Cyprus.

Brittan refuses to sack chief constable

Kenneth Oxford — pleased by outcome

By Paul Brown

The Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, yesterday rejected a call by some Merseyside police committee members to sack the region's chief constable, Mr Kenneth Oxford.

A police committee delegation including a Conservative and a magistrate opposed to the dismissal call, met Mr Brittan yesterday for 90 minutes. Mr Oxford was present and gave his views.

In a statement afterwards the Home Office said that no evidence was forthcoming at the meeting that the police force was inefficient or inadequate. The committee was divided in its views on whether Mr Oxford should retire.

The Home Secretary concluded that he had no grounds for, and no intention of, approving any call by the committee for Mr Oxford's retirement.

Mrs Margaret Simey, the chairman of the police committee, said: "I am bitterly disappointed at the failure of the Home Secretary to begin to understand the situation in Merseyside."

She said the police policy in Merseyside was not appropriate for the area but the Home Secretary had no understanding. Mr John George, a Labour concillor, said that Mr Oxford was not prepared to take any notice of the elected representatives of the people of Merseyside. As a result the Home Secretary's advice that both sides should work together was useless.

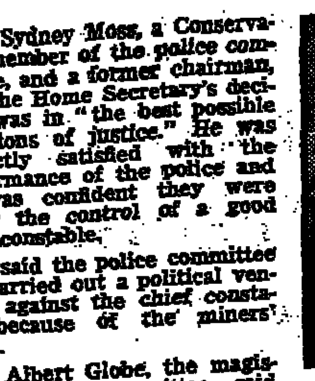
Mrs Simey said they would return to Liverpool and reconsider the position. There was a special meeting called for Tuesday to discuss the crisis in policing in the region and the Home Secretary's decision could be considered.

Mr Oxford left the meeting saying that he was "rather pleased with the decision."

Mr Sydney Moss, a Conservative member of the police committee, and a former chairman, said the Home Secretary's decision was in "the best possible traditions of justice." He was perfectly satisfied with the performance of the police and he was confident they were under the control of a good chief constable.

He said the police committee had carried out a political vendetta against the chief constable because of the miners' strike.

Mr Albert Globe, the magistrate on the committee, said that Mr Oxford had the support of the bench.



Margaret Simey — disappointed by meeting

Wife loses right to husband's house

A wife married for 30 years who made no contribution to the purchase of the matrimonial home has no financial interest in it, the Appeal Court decided yesterday.

Mrs Sheila Dobson, of Shipley, Yorkshire, said she had performed all wifely duties and had brought up two children.

After 12 years, when the children were older, she had worked part-time in market research, contributing to household costs and decorating.

She said she had been advised that she had acquired an interest in the matrimonial home. At Bradford County Court last year, Judge Pickles decided that her interest was "substantial."

The three Appeal Court judges decided that she had no interest in the house

They unanimously allowed an appeal by mortgagees, the Midland Bank, against Judge Pickles' ruling that the bank's application for possession failed because it was unenforceable against Mrs Dobson.

Mr Dobson put up the home as security for a business loan, but the business ran into difficulties.

Mr Dobson had no answer to the banks's claim for possession, but his wife contested the case on the basis that she had an interest.

Lord Justice Fox said Mrs Dobson had made no direct contribution to the purchase price, and there was no arrangement that she should work to help to pay off the mortgage.

From the mid-1960s, when she earned small sums, she used part of it for household expenses, "but it is not suggested that she did that in reliance upon any understanding as to joint ownership of the house," said the judge. She also did some ordinary periodic decorating, but see no reason to suppose that was because of any arrangement that she would do so on account of a common intention as to joint ownership."

The Dobsons were refused leave to appeal to the Lords, but can apply direct to the Lords appeal committee.

Pupils from Grangetown Primary School, Middlesbrough, play an Elizabethan Suite in London at the start of this weekend's National Festival of Music for Youth, which involves 5,000 musicians. Picture by John Wildgoose

'Uproar' warning if head is reinstated

By Michael Parkin

A Bradford Labour councillor yesterday warned of uproar if the headmaster suspended from a local school because of his criticism of the council's policies on race relations in schools is reinstated to his post.

The case of Mr Ray Honeyford, headmaster of Drummond Middle School, is to be reviewed at a meeting in Bradford today between officials of the city council and the National Association of Head Teachers. The NAHT, which is seeking a judicial review of the case, is attending only on the assurance that reinstatement for Mr Honeyford is on the agenda.

The association believes that Mr Honeyford is entitled to reinstatement simply on the recommendation of the school governors that he should be allowed to return.

Mr Clifford Hayes, chief assistant to the general secretary of the NAHT, Mr David Hart, said that he expected today's discussions to centre on the conditions for Mr Honeyford's reinstatement. If these were not too outrageous there could be a basis for a settlement.

But the Labour group on Bradford council are vehemently opposed to Mr Honeyford's reinstatement. "To put children back into the political boiling pot in the last week of term is educationally unacceptable," said Mr John Lambert, the Labour spokesman on education.

He warned of "uproar" if Mr Honeyford was allowed to return to his post.

55 held after dawn raids in theft case

By Michael Parkin

Three hundred police officers made dawn raids in Yorkshire yesterday on the homes of 47 men and eight women who are alleged to have posed as bogus officials to steal from old and infirm people.

The suspects were taken to police stations throughout West Yorkshire for questioning about 400 offences over the past five years involving thefts totalling £750,000. They are alleged to have posed as gas or electricity men, rating officers, DHSS officials, British Telecom workers and police officers to commit burglaries and robberies.

There are other cases of burglary, theft and deception to be investigated. The offences are said to have taken place in Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Lancashire, Durham, Humberside, Leicestershire, the Home Counties and London.

The operation, code-named Merger, drew on detectives squads — Number 1, covering from three regional crime the North-west: Number 2, covering the North-east and North Yorkshire, and Number 3, covering the rest of Yorkshire and the East Midlands — and the West Yorkshire police task force.

Most of the arrests were made in Leeds, with others in Scarborough, Selby and Knaresborough.

Barking dog test

By Alan Travis

THE London Borough of Barking was aptly chosen yesterday to be one of four areas for a pilot scheme to persuade dog owners to clear up after their pets.

Under new bylaws which come into force on September 2, dog owners can be fined up to £100 if they fail to remove faeces deposited by their pets on designated footpaths, grass verges and recreation grounds. Registered blind dog owners will be exempted.

The one-year pilot scheme will cover parks and pavements in Barking, Gosport, Hampshire, Rochester in Kent, and North-west Leicestershire. Dog owners will soon be able to buy "poop-scoops" to carry with them and the four local authorities are to make provision for the disposal of canine faeces removed from public areas by dog owners.

Mr David Mellor, junior Home Office minister, said yesterday: "Dog owners have a responsibility to look after their animals, but they also have a responsibility to the rest of society to make sure their pets do not cause a sometimes dangerous nuisance."

Fine for school refusal

A couple who failed to send their 13-year-old son to school because the local authority would not provide the place of their choice were each fined £250 at Tottenham magistrates in London and ordered to pay £850 costs.

Thomas and Jill Forsyth, of Scotland Green Road, Enfield, were told that the magistrate had decided against a prison sentence because the person most punished by this would be their son, Leon.

Leon, who sat Maths O level this summer — two years earlier than usual — has not been in full-time education since his primary schooling ended in 1983. When he was refused a place at Latymer Grammar School, Enfield, renowned for its academic prowess, his parents found a tutor to teach him at home.

They believed that they were providing an adequate education under the 1944 Education Act, with the help of a clergyman in his seventies.

Mr Michael Brady, for Enfield education authority, said the couple refused a place offered at Enfield Grammar

The Forsyths are to appeal against a conviction and sentence. Leon remains at home with his private tutor

Air show protest

By David Fairhall

Members of Ex-Services CND will join a local peace group outside the gates of RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire, this weekend to protest at an RAF Benevolent Fund air tattoo being used to sell arms.

The display at the US air base is to raise funds for RAF casualties and their dependents. The theme of this year's display is in-flight refuelling, but Ex-Services CND says that the tattoo's introductory brochure shows that aerospace firms will use the occasion to promote military sales. Potential customers from Colombia, Paraguay and Turkey are among those invited to Fairford, it claims.

The organisation's press spokesman, Mr John Hurst, says that his members are unhappy that the display should be used, however indirectly, to sell arms to such repressive regimes.

"This is not fighting terrorism, this is supporting it," he said. "The Government should give disabled servicemen and war widows proper pensions, instead of financing them out of air displays at American nuclear support bases."

Rare bird recovered

By Michael Morris

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is planning to prosecute a man alleged to have been in illegal possession of a Welsh red kite. There are only 30 breeding pairs in the UK, all of them in Wales.

Investigation officers from the society and police raided a man's home in the Nottingham area on Thursday night.

Nottingham county magistrate will issue a summons against the man, aged 27, under the Wildlife and Conservation Act 1981, the society said yesterday. The case concerns a schedule 1 bird and the man is stated not to be a registered keeper.

Mr Peter Robinson, of the society's investigation branch, said it would be the first case, in his knowledge, of a Welsh red kite being recovered.

Fines of up to £2,000 can be imposed on anyone proved to possess a bird or egg of a protected species.

The five-week-old kite recovered in Nottingham was on its way back to Wales yesterday. The society will try to reintroduce the bird to its habitat, failing which a registered keeper will try to restore it to a state fit to survive in the wild.

Denning attacks surrogacy bill

The bill to outlaw commercial surrogate baby agencies does not go far enough, Lord Denning, the former Master of the Rolls, said yesterday when the measure was given final approval by the Lords.

Lord Denning called for urgent legislation to ban all surrogacy arrangements for money. He said that the Government should not wait two or three years before legislation on the Warnoch committee report could be passed.

During the third reading debate Lord Denning said that the bill did not prevent the commissioning mother or the carrying mother from paying or receiving money.

"It doesn't outlaw doctors or professionals who charge very large fees for the purpose. All it outlaws at the moment is those surrogacy clinics, often operating from the USA, who advertise or arrange these deals," he said.

Lord Denning called on the Government to legislate urgently along the lines of the Warnock committee report making profit and non-profit making bodies illegal.

The legislation should be sufficiently wide to "render the actions of professionals or others who assist in surrogate pregnancies criminally liable."

For the Government, the Earl of Caithness said that one of the commercial agencies already operating in Britain had announced that it would cease operations.

"That is the best indication of this limited bill. The larger bill will raise greater emotions and will be highly controversial. The Prime Minister has said the Government aims to introduce a comprehensive bill as soon as practicable on the matters dealt with in the Warnock report," he said.

The Surrogacy Arrangements Bill received an unopposed third reading. It is due to receive the royal assent shortly.

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Syria sends senior army men to implement security plan

Beirut names hijackers as 'prelude to prosecution'

Beirut: Lebanon's state radio reported yesterday that Government lawyers were ordered to prosecute the hijackers of a TWA jetliner and for the first time publicly named the men, one of whom killed an American hostage.

It said in its 11 a.m. news broadcast that the names of the hijackers had been "referred to the competent judicial authorities" in the Mount Lebanon part of Beirut, which includes the international airport.

But the report was dropped without explanation from further newscasts, and Government *sources, who requested* anomymity, said this resulted from instructions "from above."

The broadcast came as two senior Syrian army officers left Damascus for Beirut to help implement a new security plan aimed at halting clashes between Muslim militias in west Beirut.

Lebanese Muslim leaders agreed to the plan earlier this week after talks in Damascus with Vice-President Abdel-Halim Khaddam and other senior officials.

The Syrian Government newspaper, Tishrin, said Syria holds the Muslim leaders responsible for implementing the accord without delay. The plan calls for rival militias in mainly-Muslim west Beirut to disband and disarm.

"Any delay in implementing the agreement is unacceptable," Tishrin said. "Syria is determined to defuse the powder keg in Lebanon. It can no longer accept the concept of rebuilding Lebanon on a sectarian basis. This time, a national solution is required."

The Beirut radio broadcast said the names of the TWA hijackers were referred to Mount Lebanon "as a prelude to prosecuting them and to taking adequate legal procedures against them."

Mr Maurice Khawam, prosecutor-general of Mount Lebanon County, where the airport is located, told reporters in Christian east Beirut after a meeting with President Amin Gemayel on Wednesday that his office would "move against the TWA hijackers."

The radio named the hijackers as Ali Atwi, Ali Younis and Ahmed Gharibeh, but said it had no further information

Atwi was arrested at Athens airport before boarding TWA flight 847 on June 14, but was later flown to join his two comrades in Algiers, where the commandeered plane landed twice. The other two men had hijacked the Boeing 727 shortly after take-off from the Greek capital.

Government sources, who asked not be identified, noted that after 10 years of civil war the judiciary — like the Government — functions in name only. Courts handle mainly civil matters. Although alleged criminals are occasionally arrested by police, they are rarely brought before judges or magistrates.

The announcement of legal action against the three men hijackers was welcomed in Washington by the White House spokesman Larry Speakes, as "a step forward."

Asked if the Administration would prefer that the hijack suspects be tried in Lebanon or in the United States, Mr Speakes said the Government has not expressed a preference.—AP/Reuter.

Gulf raids threaten Iran's new lifeline

Bahrain: Iraq yesterday attacked a Turkish supertanker in the Gulf, the second within a week, threatening an Iranian oil export shuttle operation from Kharg Island to the lower reaches of the waterway, shipping sources in the region said.

In Baghdad, a military spokesman said warplanes had hit a "large naval target" south of Kharg and reported a ground attack on Iranian positions in the Gulf war's central sector.

The shipping sources said thes oil-laden 112,000 tonne M. Ceyhan was ablaze after being hit in the engine room on the starboard side by a missile.

Dense black smoke was hampering fire-fighting operations but all crew members had been saved from life rafts by tugs at the scene.

The M. Ceyhan is the sister ship of the M. Vatan, which was crippled earlier this week about 100 miles south of Kharg, Iran's main terminal in the north-east of the Gulf, after loading with 350,000 tonnes of oil.

Their Istanbul-based owners said both ships had been leased to Iran in April for six months to help shuttle oil from Kharg Island, inside an Iraqi-imposed war zone, to a makeshift export terminal off Sirri Island, 330 miles to the south-east.

A military spokesman in Baghdad said yesterday that Iraqi troops had mounted a lightning ground attack on Iranian positions in the central sector of the battlefront. — Reuter.

Day of mourning after bombings

KUWAIT: The Government declared a national day of mourning yesterday as a huge manhunt continued for the bombers behind two coffeehouse explosions on *Thursday evening.*

The Cabinet met in continuous emergency session, and a top security official voiced hope for an early breakthrough in the search, while dismissing reports that arrests had already been made. State-controlled radio and television dropped scheduled programmes and instead broadcast readings from the Koran.

No light has been shed on the identity of the bombers or the motive for the attacks, although Agence France Presse in Paris received a claim of responsibility from a caller claiming to represent the "Organisation of Arab Revolutionary Brigades."

The bombs ripped through two seafront restaurants

The daily al-Qabas said naval patrol craft had drawn a tight security net down the 140 mile coastline to help close escape routes. Land border crossings were shut after the blasts. — Reuter.

Kuwait's vigorous democracy earns it a host of enemies

From Jonathan Birchall in Kuwait

"*ONLY Kuwaitis go there,* with their families; they were after Kuwaitis," one man said yesterday morning as he watched the police picking through the wreckage of wooden benches, smashed hubblebubble pipes, scattered dominoes and bloodstains in bombed seaside coffeehouses.

For Kuwaitis, Thursday night's twin explosions, which left at least 11 dead and almost 90 injured, were the latest and most brutal proof so far that someone is out to get them.

For the coffeehouses are where men go with their families to drink and smoke and chat, especially on a Thursday evening.

Some 100 yards from one of the bombed cafes, a crater in the road marks the spot where, less than six weeks ago, a suicide car bomber rammed the motorcade of Kuwait's Emir, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed, killing four people, but leaving the Sheikh only cut and bruised.

In April a Kuwaiti editor escaped a machine-gun attack outside his newspaper, surviving four bullet wounds. This March an Iraqi diplomat and his son were less lucky, shot dead in their beds in a suburb of Kuwait City.

In December, 1984, a Kuwaiti airliner was hijacked to Tehran, apparently by Lebanese Shi'ites; two American passengers were shot and Kuwaiti passengers were singled out with the Americans to be beaten and tortured.

Most, but not all, of Kuwait's political violence can be traced back to December 12, 1983, when a wave of bombs exploded at targets including the American and French embassies and Kuwaiti government institutions, killing six and wounding more than 80.

Soon afterwards, a Kuwaiti security court sentenced 17 Shi'ites — 13 Iraqis, one Kuwaiti and three Lebanese — for their involvement in the bombings; the only large group of pro-Iranian Shi'ite terrorists ever successfully apprehended. Three are still under sentence of death.

All were said at the time to be members of Al Dawa al Islamia, the Islamic Call Party, a group of pro-Iranian Iraqi Shi'ites. During the trial Iraqi exiles in Tehran broadcast threats against Kuwaiti interests "anywhere in the world."

The threats were made good, largely it seems through the Lebanese connection. In the Tehran hijack, three or four hijackers believed to be Lebanese Shi'ites sought, but failed to get, the release of the Kuwaiti prisoners.

This summer, before the attack on the emir, a Lebanese Shi'ite group, holding seven American hostages in the Lebanon against the Kuwaiti prisoners, warned Kuwait's rulers that they were running out of patience; the attack was followed by claims of responsibility from the Lebanon.

So far no-one has claimed responsibility for the killings on Thursday, but Western *diplomats are looking again* to the Shi'ite connection.

Although Shi'te attacks on Kuwait have resulted from the Kuwaiti support for Iraq in the Gulf War, the Kuwaiti authorities have refrained from directly accusing Iran of organising a terrorist campaign against them.

Unofficially, however, Kuwaiti officials are said to see Iran's shadow in the attacks; Tehran has yet to return the hijacked airbus from the December hijacking or to bring the hijackers to trial.

Kuwait has other enemies; with a vociferous elected national assembly and a lively press, both unparalleled in the region, it is easy enough to make them. Most recently there have been exchanges with Syria, heavily criticised during the June attacks on Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut.

The April assassination attempt on the newspaper editor, Ahmed Jaralah, has been attributed to Syrian-backed agents. One Kuwaiti listed Iraq, Iran, Libya, Syria and the Lebanon as possibly behind Thursday's bombing.

With an expatriate population making up 60 per cent of its 1.6 million people, Kuwait is particularly exposed to external subversion. The Thursday bombs are an acute embarrassment to the Government, coming so soon after the attack on the Emir. That was followed by house-to-house searches and unobtrusive deportations, which Western diplomats put at least 500.

Kuwait has one of the highest ratios of police to population in the world, equipped with the latest in IBM computers. But, with exposed and easily traversible frontiers and a transient population, Kuwait realises that complete security is not possible.

Evidence of Kuwaiti complicity in the violence is limited; Kuwait's Shi'ite population, making up an estimated 25 to 30 per cent of the total, has its grumbles but is normally emphatically Kuwaiti first and Shi'ite second. In the short term, at least, Kuwait's expatriates must stay. Kuwaitis, meanwhile, so long sheltered from personal political violence, are discovering the risk of maintaining an independent political line. So far, despite the cost, there is no sign of their giving that up.

Clashes over UN women's congress

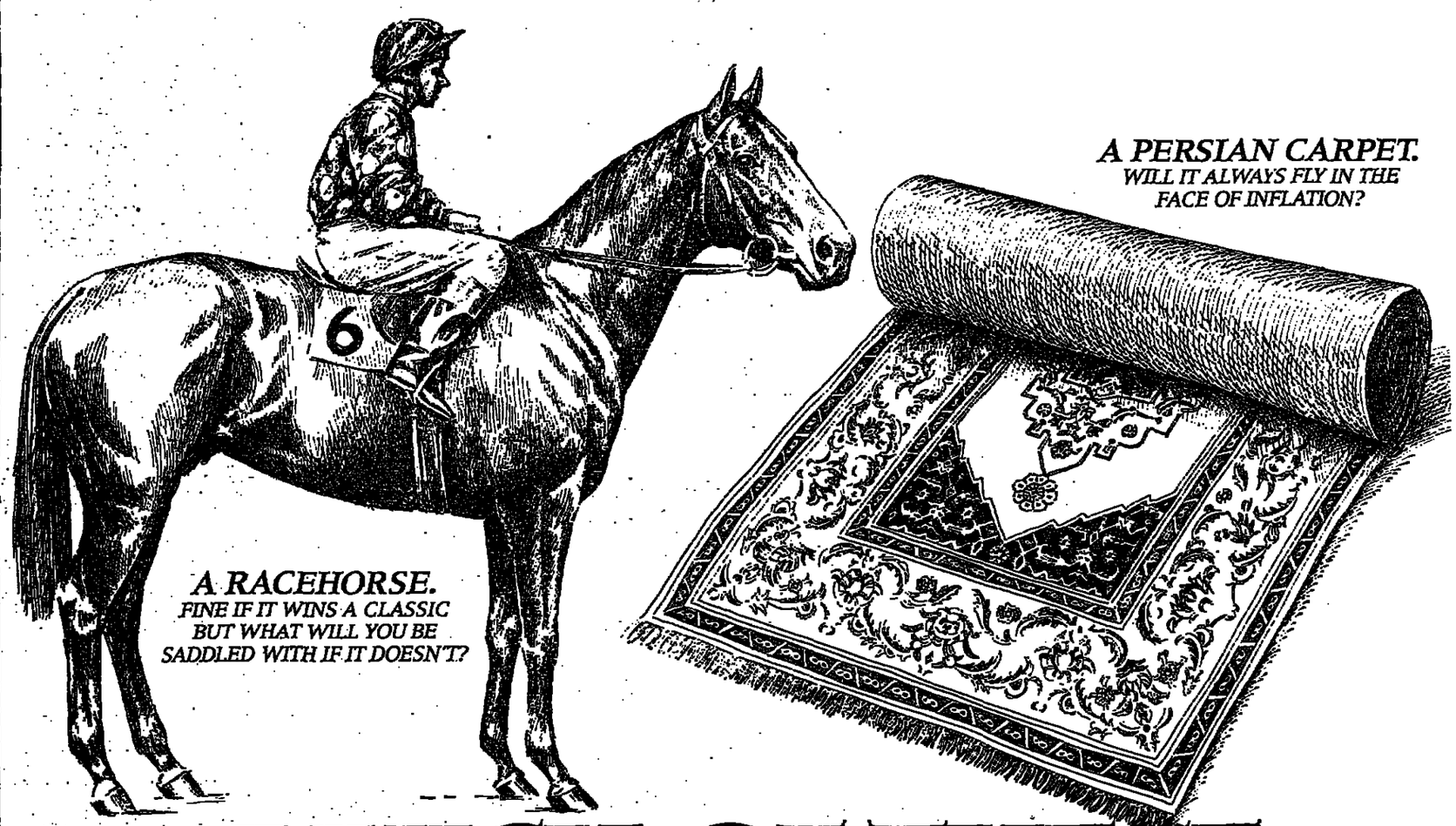
Nairobi: A Palestine Liberation Organisation official said yesterday that Washington was using "intellectual terrorism" to influence a forthcoming UN conference on women in favour of Israel and South Africa.

Mr Salman el Herfi, African affairs adviser to the PLO leader, Mr Yasser Arafat, said: "The United States wants to impose its point of view, while saying at the same time the conference should not be politicised. This in itself is politics."

Several PLO officials are in Nairobi for a meeting of non-governmental women's organisations in preparation for a UN conference which starts on July 15 to review the achievements of the UN Women's Decade.

President Reagan's daughter, Maureen, who arrived yesterday as head of the US delegation, did not comment on the political skirmishing.

The US Assistant Secretary of State for International Organisations Affairs, Mr Gregory Newell, had said earlier that Washington wanted to prevent any "extraneous politicisation" in Nairobi and that the issue of Palestinian women should not be "isolated." — Reuter.



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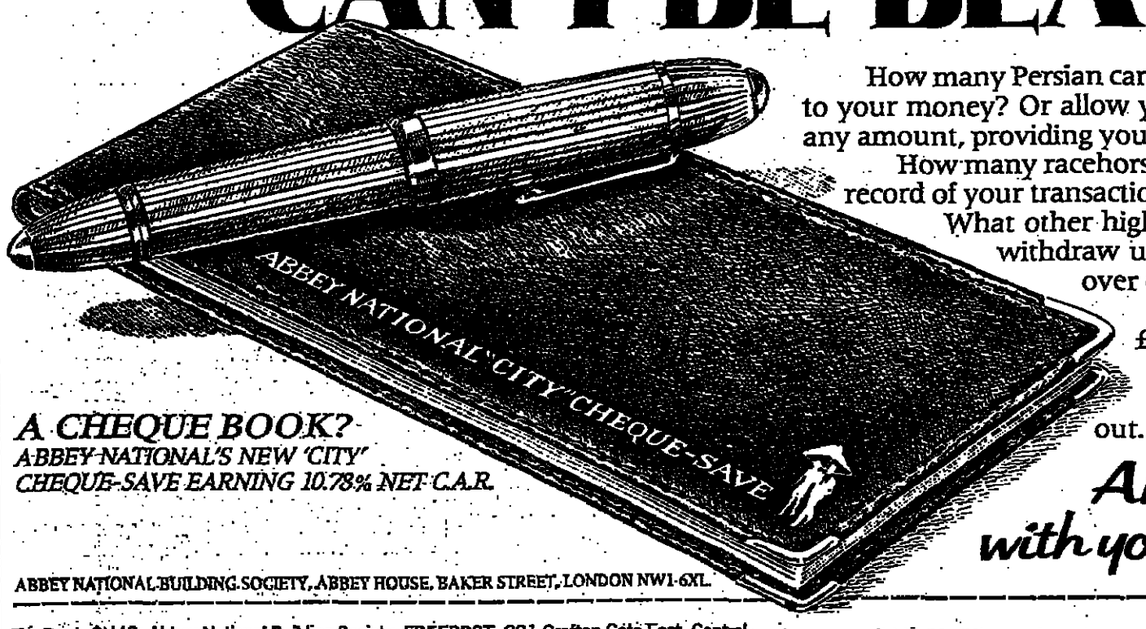

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Woman betrays CIA network

From Mark Tran in Washington

The CIA has been greatly embarrassed by the revelation that a junior black employee who worked in Ghana has exposed the agency's network in that country to her lover — reportedly a nephew or cousin of Ghana's leader, Flight Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings.

Miss Sharon Scranage will stand trial next week. She and her Ghanaian lover, Mr Michael Agbotui Soussoudis, were arrested by FBI agents just outside Washington on Wednesday and charged with espionage.

Miss Scranage, aged 29, who worked as an operations support assistant in Accra, provided Mr Sussoudis, aged 39, with the details of the CIA's Ghanaian intelligence gathering operations, including names and information about communications equipment. The Ghanaians also obtained a CIA report on an unidentified Ghanaian group's efforts to get weapons from Libya.

Intelligence sources said Miss Scranage's alleged disclosure of confidential CIA data was a "disaster" for CIA operations in Ghana. "It's very bad, it broke up all our agents in Ghana. It tells people in Africa 'Don't work for the CIA.'"

In May, according to the FBI, Miss Scranage compiled handwritten lists of the identities of Ghanaian informants to the CIA after lifting them from confidential records. Later, accompanied by Mr Soussoudis, she repeated the secret information to Ghanaian officials. At that meeting, she was asked to obtain from CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia, the identities of three other Ghanaian informants travelling outside Ghana.

Miss Scranage, a CIA employee for nine years, has allegedly admitted to the FBI that she started passing on information in December 1983.

White House says it opposes Senate bill

Reagan confronted with stark choice on SA sanctions

From Michael White in Washington

President Reagan now faces the stark choice between a major retreat from his policy of constructive engagement in South Africa or exercising his Presidential veto over a bill imposing limited economic sanctions against apartheid which passed through the Republican-controlled Senate on Thursday night by an overwhelming 80 votes to 12.

In a last minute strengthening of the measure which would ban the export of nuclear technology and police computer sales to South Africa as well as new bank loans, the Senate accepted a proposal to start producing American gold coins identical to the Krugerrand which has a huge £418 million sale a year to United States collectors. But the Senate avoided a vote to ban the Krugerrand.

Legislation imposing largely symbolic sanctions immediately is now certain to emerge from Congress, probably after negotiations between the Senate and House of Representatives in September. It is the first time the Senate has backed such a bill and represents growing disillusionment with the Reagan Administration's southern Africa policies and Pretoria's hard line.

The White House said yesterday it opposed the concept of sanctions.

"They will not increase US influence on the pace and direction of change in South Africa and will reinforce those elements most opposed to that change," the deputy press secretary, Mr Larry Speakes, said.

Mr Speakes said that the Administration's policy of "constructive engagement" was stirring progress in Pretoria for improvements for South Africa's 23 million blacks.

He said the White House welcomed, however, some positive aspects of the bill, including those calling for an increased US role in promoting change in South Africa and commending American firms for their efforts in supporting change. He expressed satisfaction that some of "the more extreme sanctions" had not been adopted.

Mr Speakes declined to say if President Reagan would veto sanctions if a bill were sent to him for signature.

The Senate Bill requires US companies in South Africa with more than 25 workers to observe the Sullivan principles which require equal pay and better job opportunities for black employees and would permit more sanctions, including a Kruggerrand ban and an end to new private investment (but not re-investment) by US firms in South Africa in 18 months if President Reagan did not report real progress in dismantling apartheid.

The key figure has been Senator Richard Lugar, who moved with the growing anti-apartheid sentiment in the Senate to accommodate changes in his and Senator Dole's original bill. But the Democrat controlled House has backed a rival bill imposing much tougher sanctions. House staff members believe that if their friends in the Senate had pushed things to a vote on Thursday they could have obtained a ban on Kruggerrands and an end to US landing rights for South African Airways — a reputedly regressive domestic employer. "I'm very disappointed with the Senate liberals. They got no commitment from (the Republican Senate leader), Bob Dole, to consider their amendments. They had no tactics to defeat Jesse Helms. It greatly strengthens Lugar's position," said one.

Mr Helms, a rightwinger, branded the bill an "unmitigated disaster."

They believe that a proper mechanism to monitor the Sullivan principles is needed as well as means whereby the cash for small businesses and scholarships, which both bills provide to help blacks, can be floated off the US Embassy in Pretoria.

Realists in the Senate insist that however far the Senate was prepared to go this year was as far as the House could hope to get without risking losing a bill altogether.

In Johannesburg, the South African Council of Churches (SACC) welcomed the Senate bill.

"We pray that this decision will bring our Government to understand the abhorence of the apartheid system in the eyes of all in the world and cause our authorities now at last to decide for real change," the SACC general secretary, Dr Beyers Naude, said.

The European Economic Community is considering imposing economic sanctions against South Africa, an EEC executive told the European Parliament yesterday. Mr Carlo Ripa de Meana, the EEC Commissioner on institutional matters, said he expected the EEC Commission to reach a decision in the near future.

The call for sanctions was supported by British Labour Party members of the European Parliament.

Mr Alf Lomas, leader of the 32 British Labour MPs, said that the community could not be seen dragging its feet over action against the Pretoria Government after the Senate vote yesterday paved the way for unilateral sanctions. — Reuter/AP.

Welcome mat, but door still shut

From Robert Whymant in Tokyo

WHEN he was governor of Takushoku University, a breeding ground for Japanese nationalism, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone was fond of reminding students of the "superiority of the Japanese race."

During his association with the university (from 1967 to 1971) he once said "when we go to Europe, we feel the eclipse of European races," and forecast that Japan would emerge as leader of the coloured peoples.

Yesterday, Mr Nakasone, Prime Minister since 1982, left Tokyo for Paris to begin a tour of Europe, still in eclipse, and to soothe resentments at Japanese trade surpluses which are the result of Japan's industrial prowess, and promise remedies.

In France, Italy, Belgium, and the EEC's Brussels headquarters he will seek to sustain the fiction (against all the evidence) that there exists in Japan a potentially huge market for European products, just waiting for the right men to come over and tap it.

Mr Nakasone may not believe the script, but his role as a buffer in fending off protests against protectionism from a hostile world calls for all his talents of sincere persuasion.

In this role he went on television this spring to urge citizens to buy more foreign imports, for the good of the homeland, to the value of $100 a head. The audience understood the appeal was not to be taken literally, but was aimed at impressing foreigners. It was a show of "sincerity" to compensate for the lack of substantive action. The worse the trade imbalance becomes, the more "sincerity" will be laid on by Japanese leaders.

Japan is into its seventh "market-opening package" with a three year "action programme" billed for the end of July. Between the fourth and fifth "packages" to promote imports, Mr Nakasone exclaimed that Japan had sweated "blood and tears" to assist foreign businessmen sell their wares here.

Yet the fiddling with formal and informal barriers has made no noticeable impact on Japan's growing trade surpluses — $10.1 billion with the EEC, $36.8 billion with the United States last year. And the Mitsubishi Research Institute forecast earlier this month that the country's current account surplus will expand from a record $37.2 billion in fiscal 1984 to $49 billion in fiscal 1985 and $58.9 billion in fiscal 1986. Foreign criticism of Japan's trade practices can be expected to intensify, the institute warns.

It is gradually dawning on the world that there may be no easy solution to the "Japan problem."

"It's asking the Japanese to stop being Japanese," says one Western diplomat of foreign demands that the Prime Minister curb bureaucratic bias against foreign goods, override powerful lobbies, or direct the frugal Japanese savings to domestic investment and consumption.

It is Japan's growing self-confidence, with its strong nationalistic overtones, that is developing as the ultimate, impenetrable non-tariff barrier. The Japanese are being constantly told by their politicians, bureaucrats, business leaders and media that domestic products are immeasurably superior to anything that outsiders can supply (with the exception of foreign agricultural products, which consumers would like to buy in greater quantities if the Government would only lift restrictions).

"There is nothing Japan really wants to buy from foreign countries," asserted Mr Yoshihiro Inayama, doyen of Japan's business leaders, "because it has the ability to produce all industrial products domestically."

This is a widely held view and one which Mr Nakasone possibly shares. It is all very well for Mr Naohiro Amaya, a former deputy viceminister of trade and industry, to suggest that "If you wish to win the trade war with Japan you should deploy more soldiers in Japan."

By this he means British salesmen armed with Japanese phrase books engaging in close combat with entrenched local competitors for orders rather than British ministers and trade officials coming to belabour the Japanese. But even as some of the barriers are lifted, a bamboo curtain of self-absorption, of "Japanism," is being lowered which is hindering the efforts of foreign infantry salesmen infiltrating with their telephone handsets, cough mixture, or chocolate drops into the Japanese market.

While Mr Nakasone makes his appeals to the nation, captains of industry and top bureaucrats are telling the people that no foreign maker can rival the Japanese. It is hardly surprising that Japan appears sneaky to the outside world.

Whites seek end to racial vote

Harare: Two white Harare lawyers have launched an effort to win support among whites for the abolition of the white voters' roll.

A statement issued by Mr Anthony Eastwood and Mr Mervyn Immerman said they planned to circulate a petition among fellow whites, estimated at 90,000 in a population of around eight million.

The petition, the statement said, would "affirm our opposition to the continued existence of any separate roll, in the firm belief that there should be one voters' roll for all Zimbabweans."

The British-drafted constitution, which laid the groundwork for independence for the former colony, stipulated that whites be registered on a separate voters' roll, along with Asians and people of mixed race. They would vote for 20 members in the House of Assembly, while black voters registered on a "common" roll would cast ballots for their 80 representatives in the Parliament.

The two lawyers said the time was overdue for "the Government of Zimbabwe to take practical and speedy steps to abolish the separate white roll."

The lawyers aid that money for an advertising campaign was being provided by local companies. They asserted that the petition was not linked to the victory in the white elections on June 27 of Mr Ian Smith. His Conservative Alliance took 15 of the 20 white seats. — AP.

Church split on ties with army

From David Beresford in Johannesburg

Tensions are developing within the Anglican Church in South Africa — and confrontation with the Government is threatening — on its attitude to the South African Defence Force.

The issue came to a head at the Church's triennial synod, which ended in Pietermaritzburg yesterday, with a vote to restrict the close relationship between military chaplains and the defence force.

Military chaplains are part of the military structure, enjoying the rank of colonel. In terms of the synod resolution, they will in future be required to avoid identification with the armed forces in their dress, be forbidden to carry arms, be paid by the Church, and fall under direct control of their bishops. They will be appointed on a temporary basis, to ensure they are not unduly influenced by the military ethos and policies.

More than 80 per cent of its two million membership is black and the Anglican Church here, called the Church of the Province of South Africa, has become increasingly sensitive to black opinion. The snub to the SADF derives largely from the Church's attitude to the Namibian conflict as an unjust war. But the synod was also clearly influenced by daily dispatches from the Transvaal of violence involving the security forces in the east Rand.

In addition to the decision to demilitarise Anglican chaplains, the synod condemned the SADF presence in Namibia as that of "an unwanted, oppressive occupying power," gave support to a camaign to end conscription and offered "prayerful support" for 16 members of the UDF facing trial on treason charges.

Divisions within the Church on these political issues was demonstrated by the defeat of other motions, including one calling for the unconditional release of the ANC leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, and a call for the suspension of Holy Communion to draw attention to the conflict within the country.

Reuter adds: Volkswagen's vehicle plant near Port Elizabeth remained shut for the third day running yesterday over a protest by workers against the company's plan to lend 12 mini buses for a New Zealand rugby tour of South Africa.

Volkswagen said about half the 3,500 black and coloured (mixed race) employees who struck on Wednesday returned yesterday. Talks about the mini buses, which have been specially painted in team colours for use by the All Blacks and the Springboks, were continuing.

In Lisbon, rightwing Mozambican rebels yesterday accused South Africa of raising military forces to protect installations in Mozambique and warned that if any of the soldiers were captured they would be executed. A spokesman for Renamo said that the South Africans had appointed a former major in the German Army, named as Commandant Marz, to head a 1,000-strong force to protect links between Maputo and South Africa. The force would be composed of South African regular troops on a volunteer basis and they would wear South African uniforms.

Inquiry call as black toll rises

From Patrick Laurence in Johannesburg

At least 450 people have been killed in black township violence, since last September. The South African Institute of Race Relations said yesterday. The death toll since the beginning of the year is now nearly 300, it added.

"There is no doubt that pent-up black anger and frustration at decades of stunted political aspirations are the underlying cause of the ugly confrontations in black townships," the institute said.

"Political violence in South Africa will not be eradicated until black people are satisfied that their human dignity is recognised and are convinced that their political aspirations are being adequately addressed."

It labelled the high number of deaths involving policemen a "cause for grave concern."

It suggested that a public inquiry should be conducted by a body like the General Bar Council and called for condemnation by responsible leaders of all forms of violence.

"Assassinations of black policemen or black town councillors should be publicly branded as no more acceptable than the shooting of student activists."

The United Democratic Front has, meanwhile, announced that it is setting up its own commission to investigate the conduct of security forces in the townships. "Contact has already been made with international bodies." Mr Murphy Morobe, the UDF publicity secretary, said.

Shultz backs new Kampuchea plan

From Nicholas Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok

The US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, yesterday swung round from scepticism to support for the Association of South-East Asian Nations' latest peace formula for solving the Kampuchean conflict.

Mr Shultz appears to have satisfied himself, in particular, that there was no danger of giving legitimacy to the Vietnamese-installed Heng Samrin regime in Phnom Penh "proximity talks." These would involve the tripartite Kampuchean resistance coalition led by Prince Sihanouk and a Vietnamese delegation including members of the Heng Samrin Government.

Earlier this week, Mr Shultz cautioned that there was no point in talking to people who had no constituency and did not represent anyone.

But after three days of talks in Kuala Lumpur with foreign ministers from Asean, Japan, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the EEC, Mr Shultz decided yesterday that "this approach deserves the backing of the international community, and the US certainly supports it."

There were risks in the proposals, and they touched on many interests, he said, referring specifically to those of Thailand, Asean's frontline state.

In view of what he terms "the mounting threat to Thailand) from Vietnam," Mr Shultz said that the US plans a further increase in military aid to Thailand, which has already risen from $39 million to $107 million in the past four years.

Mr Shultz evidently took some comfort from the fact there is little prospect of any follow-up on the proximity talks, which had been damned by Hanoi even before Asean foreign ministers formally proposed them.

The Heng Samrin Government added its denunciation on Thursday, saying it would be unreasonable to negotiate with the resistance coalition, "which has neither land nor population."

Mr Shultz, however, clearly still has some reservations on the matter, cautioning Asean ministers against coming up with proposals on Kampuchea in the belief that Vietnam would turn them down. US officials said he warned that the Vietnamese may take them up later when they felt it in their own interests to do so.

Fretilin rebels at bay after key leader defects

By Jill Jolliffe

Fretilin guerrillas in Portugal's former colony of East Timor are digging in to face a new Indonesian military campaign after the defection of one of their key leaders.

Documents smuggled from the territory by an elaborate chain of couriers have described the defection of Mauk Morak, a close collaborator of the Fretilin commander, Jose Gusmao Sha Na Na.

The documents consist of three letters written in February, March and April. They said the Fretilin leader was taken to Jakarta after his defection in February to plan a military campaign against the guerrillas, involving 17 Indonesian regular battalions and 9,000 East Timorese conscripts from a levy imposed by district heads in the Ermera, Suai, and Bobonaro areas. Seven other men defected with Mauk Morak, according to this account.

The letters also contain new accusations of human rights violations, including summary executions and torture.

In June, a report by Amnesty International said that Indonesian forces had systematically tortured and killed people in East Timor since the 1975 invasion by Jakarta. The Indonesian foreign minister, Mr Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, said the report was not based on facts and it has been strongly contested in the Jakarta press.

In these latest allegations the Timorese accuse the Indonesians of executing 24 men and women, all civilians, in Bobonaro last January. They were charged with passing information and medicines to resistance fighters, it said.

The documents also said that 58 political prisoners had recently been removed from the Comarca prison in Dili to Jakarta's Cipinam prison, where some had their fingernails torn out.

The writer said that as a result of the defections Fretilin fighters were under strong pressure and were spreading across the island territory.

The most recent of the letters, dated April 30, said that Mauk Morak had returned to Timor under Indonesian sponsorship and was touring the territory, speaking at public meetings. It also described growing military activity, detailing the deaths of 26 of the enemy at Ainaro in March and of five enemy soldiers at Zumalai in April.

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37 boat people returned

A SOVIET ship returned 37 "boat people" to Vietnam after picking them up in South China Sea last month, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said yesterday. The Soviet vessel Poisk picked up the Vietnamese in mid-June and since then its whereabouts were unknown to the UNHCR. But a UNHCR spokesman said diplomatic channels had now established that the "boat people" had been returned to Vietnam.

The Poisk was heading for the Soviet Far East island of Sakhalin from Vung Tau, southern Vietnam, when it sent a message to the Soviet Filsov shipping company that it had picked up 17 children, 16 men, and four women. — Reuter.

Rebels accused

PEACE talks in Bhutan on the Sri Lankan ethnic crisis will adjourn today with little progress made on Tamil demands for autonomy, the Press Trust of India said yesterday. PTI quoted informed sources as saying that the Sri Lankan government delegation yesterday accused a guerrilla group at the talks of being responsible for an attempt to assassinate president Junius Jayewardene. — Reuter.

Envoys accepted

THE US Senate last night cleared by voice vote 24 of President Reagan's nominees for ambassadorships and State Department posts which had been held up by the Republican Senator, Jesse Helms. The North Carolina Senator agreed to permit passage of the group, but still blocked four others he said he wanted to get recorded votes on.—Reuter.

Treason charges

A TAIWANESE businessman will face treason charges and a possible death sentence after he tried to form a separatist political party, the Taiwan garrison command said yesterday. Hsu Chao-hung, aged 44, was arrested and charged this week on his return from Japan. — Reuter.

Who's for golf?

THE Peking Golf Club, China's fourth and biggest, was established yesterday, but with membership fees set at more than $14,000, few Chinese citizens are likely to join. The 36-hole course is being built by a Japanese company 30 miles north-east of Peking. — Reuter.

600 arrested

PAKISTANI authorities arrested about 600 people and seized large quantities of arms in the western city of Quetta following Shi'ite unrest in which at least 27 people were killed, officials said yesterday. — Reuter.

Hussein talks

KING HUSSEIN of Jordan flew to Britain yesterday for meetings with Mrs Thatcher, the state radio reported. Jordan is believed to be planning to buy about $300 million worth of military goods from Britain. — AP.

Strike off

SPAIN'S air traffic controllers yesterday called off a strike scheduled to take place each weekend from July 14 to August 31, a spokesman for the Spanish Confederation of Air Traffic Controllers said.—Reuter.

Drought appeal

ALGERIA has appealed for international aid for 40,000 refugees fleeing drought conditions in Mali and Niger, according to the UN Disaster Relief Organisation.—AP.

New leader

A SPECIAL Congress of Tanzania's only political party is to nominate a candidate tomorrow to succeed Julius Nyerere as president, the government-owned Daily News said yesterday. — AP.

Police injured

Santiago: A bomb seriously injured three policemen yesterday during anti-Government protests on the 14th anniversary of the nationalisation of Chile's copper mines.

The bomb exploded next to a police bus in a southern Santiago suburb. — Reuter.

Oldest emperor

Tokyo: Emperor Hirohito today becomes the oldest monarch ever to reign in Japan. The 84-year-old emperor has ruled Japan for 58 years. — Reuter.

Looking in

Boris Becker's victory in the Wimbledon men's singles final was seen by an average audience of 11.9 million on BBC 2 last Sunday, the BBC says.

Minister's friend tells him to 'do the honourable thing'

Embattled Belgian hits at 'English violence'

From Derek Brown in Brussels

The Belgian Interior Minister, Mr Charles Ferdinand Nothomb, who is fighting for his political life in the wake of the Heysel football massacre in May, Yesterday hit back at his critics with a blistering attack on violence in English society.

The riot at the May 29 European cup final, which led to 38 deaths, was, he said, caused by the aggression of a band of Liverpool supporters who attacked Italian Juventus fans.

"They did not batter their victims to death, but they provoked collectively their hideous deaths," he told the Belgian Parliament.

But a key coalition partner, the floor leader, Mr Robert Henrion, said in a scathing speech that he would vote to adopt a committee of inquiry report critical of Mr Nothomb, and urged the minister "to do the honourable thing." The inquiry had revealed casualness, confusion, and lack of preparation by the authorities, Mr Henrion said.

The massacre, when a wall collapsed under the weight of panicking spectators, was "the collective responsibility of English society, which tolerates this violence," Mr Nothomb said, "which allows it, which seeks to channel it without wishing to eliminate it, and in which a certain number of clubs accept the violence as an element in the sporting scene and a trade mark of their clubs."

Mr Nothomb was speaking at the start of a parliamentary debate crucial to his own career and to the prospects of the centreright coalition Government.

The mainly Socialist Opposition is expected to press a confidence vote when the debate ends later today or tomorrow. If the verdict goes against Mr Nothomb, the Christian Democrat-Liberal Government could be brought down, five months earlier than it had hoped to go to the country.

Mr Nothomb, fiercely criticised by a parliamentary committee a week ago, gave no hint that he had considered voluntary resignation. He said he approached the debate "with serenity."

The minister gave a detailed account of the division of responsibility for pre-match preparation and maintenance of order. He pointed out that the Brussels burgomaster, the provincial governor, the football authorities, and others, all had a role, as well as himself.

He stressed that the national gendarmerie, for which he has a special resposibility, had been present at Heysel in sufficient strength. The tactics and direction of the force, rather than numbers, had been strongly attacked in the parliamentary report.

He said that in any future matches where even greater numbers were needed — 2,300 gendarmes were on duty at Heysel at the height of the trouble — he would prefer to ban the games outright, "because we are not in a contest between supporters and gendarmes, nor between supporters, but in theory in a match between football teams. It must remain that way, and I repeat I don't want to transform Belgium or Brussels, even for a single day, into a police state. . ."

Mr Nothomb bitterly condemned the black marketeers who sold tickets to Italian fans for a section of the ground next door to the Liverpool supporters and supposedly reserved for Belgian spectators.

"I hope that in their anonymity they bitterly regret today the profits that they made on the black market, paid by the blood of others," he said.

Mitterrand's powers disputed by right

From Paul Webster in Paris

Opposition leaders have angrily rejected President Mitterrand's claim that he would be entitled to retain control of foreign affairs in the event of a leftwing defeat, in general elections in March, reminding him of his own 20-year crusade against presidential "special areas."

Mr Mitterrand, who said that it would be equivalent to a coup if a rightwing parliament sought to take over the presidency's "special areas" of foreign affairs, will explain his attitude in a broadcast tomorrow to mark Bastille Day.

A casual talk to presidential lobby correspondents this week on "cohabitation" with an eventual rightwing parliament has succeeded in uniting the three main opposition factions while inspiring a wave of ridicule from the Communist Party who accuse him of defeatism.

The President, who has so far managed to conduct the debate on cohabitation as a method of splitting the right, now finds himself on the defensive for tomorrow's broadcast.

Mr Mitterrand has been forced to consider the possibility of sharing power with a rightwing parliament following the Socialist Party's estimate that they could lose at least 100 of their 269 National Assembly seats next year and their current overall majority.

As the communists, who pulled out of government last year, have announced that their priority is now to bring down Mr Mitterrand because of a policy swing to the right, Socialists are unlikely to get more than 25 per cent support in Parliament even under new proportional representation voting.

The three main opposition leaders — Mr Giscard d'Estaing, Mr Jacques Chirac and Mr Raymond Barre — let their views be known through associates rather than replying directly to Mr Mitterrand.

Mr Giscard has been in favour of cohabitation until the presidential elections in 1988 but Mr Jean Francois-Poncet, his friend and former foreign affairs minister, said there was no way of separating home and foreign affairs. They were closely linked, he said, by "European agreements, currency and the economy in general." The chairman of Mr Giscard's UDF movement, Mr Jean-Claude Gaudin, said that "if we win, it will be our policies which will be applied in every area."

A spokesman for Mr Barre, who is against cohabitation, said that the President was "backing into a bunker" by attributing prerogatives to himself.

Mr Jacques Chirac

US still rules out political killings

From Michael White in Washington

THE White House last night indignantly denied as "absolutely outrageous and utterly false" suggestions that it was contemplating lifting a nine-year-old ban on assassination as an instrument of official policy. But officials were encouraging the belief that the US response to the Beirut hijhacking may be a "surgical" military strike against terrorist bases.

At least two independent news sources, including NBC News, claimed overnight that unidentified Administration sources had acknowledged that the lifting of the 1976 ban on assassination — imposed in the wake of CIA scandals — was "under serious review" as part of the policy options urgently being examined.

A more cautious account in the Washington Post spoke of military officials pinpointing potential targets, and of President Reagan's conviction that military force should be an element in the eventual response to the holding of 39 TWA hostages for 17 days and the murder of the navy diver Robert Stethem.

Officials now say that a consensus has been reached at the White House that "we're going to have to hit back at the terrorists" in what Vice-President Bush this week called "as surgical as possible a fashion" without hurting innocent people or offending world opinion.

The confusion in Lebanon, and the ambiguous role of Syria, makes this a near impossibility, which might explain why some officials are willing to contemplate what NBC called "the use of military commando teams to carry out executions, instead of the CIA."

Although administration sources emphasise the importance of retaliation being "in keeping with American values," some observers have likened the current debate to that which followed the bombing of the marine barracks in Beirut in 1983, after which a covert CIA exercise to train counter-terrorists in Lebanon was approved. The venture was terminated by President Reagan, after a freelance bombing killed 80 innocent people, and the killing of 241 marines remains unavenged.

Politically, the President is under intense presssure from some of his most ardent supporters to act as tough as he has been talking. Mr Norman Podhoretz, the neo-conservative pundit, has called him "a crippled hawk."

Pastora defiant as bases are lost

Advance of Sandinistas leaves Arde guerrillas without food or ammunition

From Tony Jenkins in Sarapiqui, Nicaragua

THE hand-painted sign read "Welcome to Free Nicaragua" — ironically the same greeting as the Sandinistas used. But this was the Sarapiqui base, headquarters for Commander Zero's Arde guerrillas who are fighting to overthrow the Sandinistas.

A two-hour boat trip through lush scenery had brought us to Sarapiqui. It stands on the banks of the muddy San Juan river which marks the border between Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

A sentry calmly took our passports to be checked by his chief, Julio the Moustache. The Nicaraguan flag hung limply from a tall flag pole while the guerrillas swayed lazily in hammocks drinking cola.

Yet the tranquility masked Arde's desperate position. Commander Zero (real name Eden Pastora) emerged from an urgent meeting with his High Command and exploded: "The CIA is making war on us. Here we are fighting an atrocious war, people are dying daily and no one knows about it. The CIA is blocking the information. The CIA war could lead us to make a political agreement with the government in Managua."

Arde had controlled the San Juan since Pastora first started fighting his former revolutionary colleagues in April, 1983. But in the past six weeks the Sandinistas have recaptured more than 40 miles of the river and overrun five of Arde's eight bases. Sarapiqui itself will probably fall in the next few weeks.

On the Costa Rican side of the river we had found 27 young guerrillas, two of them with shrapnel wounds, who had deserted that morning. "We have no food, no medicine, no bullets," one had said. "What's the point in staying? The commander knows this, he sent us over in an Arde boat." The Costa Rican Civil Guards were ferrying them to refugee camps.

Neverthless Commander Zero is still defiant. "We may lose the battle of the Rio San Juan, but we will win the war." But at the same time he says he is prepared to offer the Sandinistas an unconditional ceasefire. "I could even fly to Managua to see what they have to offer." Yet he admits that if the Sandinistas refuse to negotiate, he will have no option but to declare a unilateral ceasefire.

The Commander does not understand why his fortunes are so low. He believes the Sandinistas and the Reagan Administration have reached a secret agreement and that rightwing millionaires in the US have been ordered not to fund him.

But as he warmed to his subject, it became obvious why his former backers find it difficult to take him seriously. "They attack me for my success with women, out of jealousy because they are all queer and I can make love to their women."

Commander Zero — Eden Pastora — at his base camp: "It is interesting that Christ ended on the cross and that they tried to assassinate me"

Commander Zero reminisces about the days "before I broke with the Communists. Until then I was the bravest, the most patriotic, the most democratic and the most loyal."

"Always remembering the distance that separates us, let's remember they called Christ a witch and a madman. It is interesting that Christ ended on the cross and that they tried to assassinate me."

Eden Pastora became arguably the best known Sandinista fighter when he led a daring raid to seize the National Palace in August, 1978, during the war to overthrow the dictator Somoza. He is convinced he retains popular support.

"Our strength is in the justice of our cause, it is in the troops of the Sandinista Popular Army and the militias, who are not Communists. It is in the people of Nicaragua who are truly revolutionary."

He is a man who has always enjoyed the romanticism attached to the guerrillas. He happily uses phrases such as "We have replaced money with mystique." When asked if he sees himself as the Che Guevara of the eighties, he roars with laughter, but he has no time for conventional politics. He dismisses the domestic opposition to the Sandinistas. "How have they suffered? There is only one way and that is to risk your life."

His money problems would be resolved if he agreed to unite with the main CIA-backed counter-revolutionary army, the FDN. The FDN says that in the past Pastora has demanded to be made Commander-in-Chief of any unified military force, a demand which they have rejected.

Pastora himself claims that he has not been invited to join the FDN. He says that he would need guarantees. "It is a moral and ideological problem. We are truly Sandinista, truly revolutionary, truly democratic,

This sort of talk has worried the conservative FDN in the past, yet Pastora has not toned down his language. He quotes Marx and says: "I am not anti-Marxist.

We were sitting on the grass on the edge of a huge bomb crater left by a Sandinista aerial bombardment. Pastora, in his freshly laundered jungle greens, said: "They'll be back, but we are not desperate. Not even death is desperate for us and we will never surrender."

He took us to listen to a radio report from one of his field commanders. "Two probably killed this morning, commandante," the man said. "Good, good, let them advance. They are just getting bogged down and giving us more targets. Keep your morale high, Hermano, our cause is just."

As he led us to our boat the commandante coyly said: "The number of sons I have is a state secret. But I calculate roughly 22, here is one," and he put his arm around a young guerrilla.

"Tell the world about us," he said and turned to give instructions to one of his young field commanders.

Abortions legalised

From Jane Walker in Madrid

Abortion became legal in Spain yesterday after months of bitter legal and political wrangling.

The new legislation permits abortion for women who become pregnant following rape, when there is a possibility the baby will be deformed or, in the opinion of two doctors, there is a grave danger to the mental or physical health of the mother.

The bill was introduced by the Socialist Government shortly after it came to office at the end of 1982 and was bitterly opposed throughout its entire passage.

After the bill was approved last year its passage was blocked by an appeal to the highest legislative court

In a final attempt to thwart the measure the Opposition is now staging a campaign to persuade doctors to refuse to perform abortions

A leading feminist lawyer Ms Cristina Alberdi, expressed satisfaction yesterday with the decision. She said: "We are very pleased because it really is as liberal as the laws in many other European countries."

Kohl promises wine inquiry

From Anna Tomforde in Bonn

THE WEST GERMAN authorities are facing mounting criticism for their failure to warn the public against the consumption of Austrian wine doctored with an anti-freeze ingredient to enhance its sweetness and alcohol content.

As importers continued to cancel orders from Austria of the 17 wines in question, Chancellor Kohl yesterday promised his Austrian counterpart, Mr Fred Sinowatz, a thorough investigation into why it took the West German authorities more than three months to react to the scandal.

It became known yesterday that importers in the Rhineland-Palatinate, Chancellor Kohl's own state, knew as early as April that large amounts of the Austrian imports had been treated with the chemical diethyleneglycol.

The state's wine ministry even asked the Federal Health Office in May to determine whether 0.5 grammes of the chemical per litre of wine were "acceptable." It was told that most of the hundreds of thousands of litres brought here by tankers and bottled in West Germany had already been withdrawn from trading.

It also emerged that similar early warnings were received in other states, but the information was not passed on to the Bonn Health Ministry or other central institutions.

While bureaucratic attitudes were given yesterday as the most likely answer to the delayed reaction, there is also some suspicion that importers of the extremely cheap wines did not want to have their business spoiled, and that the extent of the scandal was not immediately realised.

In his telephone conversation with Dr Kohl yesterday, the Austrian Chancellor urged his German colleague, to help prevent a "blanket condemnation" of Austrian wines, adding that the "handful of culprits in Austria would be brought to justice. Some 30 exporting firms in Austria are being investigated.

The scandal coincides with charges of fraud and breach of wine standards brough against the honorary president of the West German Wine Growers Association, Mr Werner Tyrell, by the State Prosecutor in Mainz yesterday. He is suspected of having added sugar to nearly 80,000 litres of wine to improve its quality.

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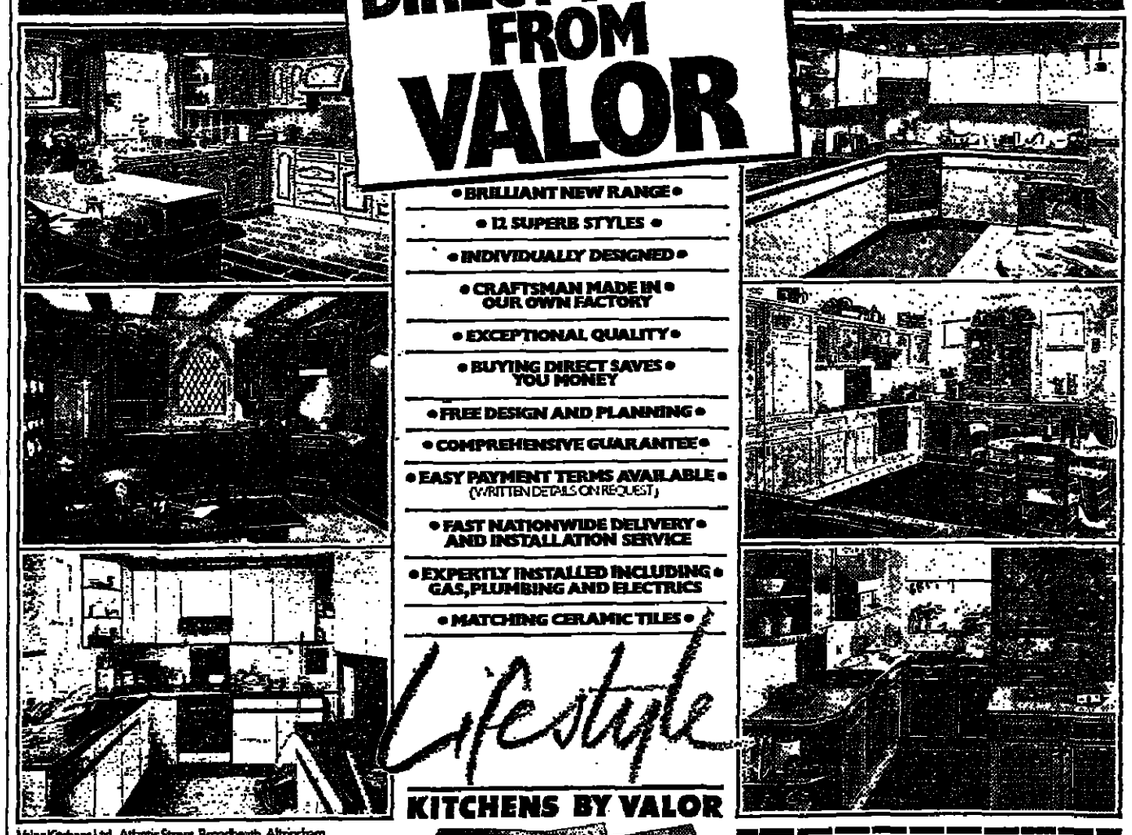

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Cyril Bracegirdle on the Crazy House in California, said to have been designed with the help of spirits from Beyond

Mrs Winchester's cathedral

THE HOUSE that Sarah Winchester built near San Jose, California, is not only the most fantastic dwelling in the world, it was also designed to drawings produced by spirits from Beyond as a result of innumerable seances. At least, so this extraordinary woman claimed.

Construction of the Crazy House, as it is widely known, began in 1884. Today it is one of the sunshine state's major tourist attractions, its 160 rooms spreading over six acres and looking from the air as if some giant had played dominoes.

Sarah Winchester was the widow of Oliver Fisher Winchester, inventor of "the gun that won the West," largely because it succeeded in killing many Indians and exterminating the vast herds of buffalo.

When the rifle king died he left his fortune of 20 million dollars to his widow. He also left her a prey to powerful superstitions and fears. Sarah asked herself what became of the spirits of all those dead men and women? Were they hovering somewhere, blaming the maker of the weapon that had slaughtered them? Most of all, would their vengeance follow the fortune and herself as well?

After the funeral she consulted a medium who confirmed the rich widow's fears. Yes, indeed, all the spirits of the people and even of the animals killed by those rifles were haunting the fortune and would haunt her. The worst haunters would be Indians.

It appeared that there were both good and evil spirits and that only the bad ones were to be feared, which, when you think about it, sounds reasonable.

The medium said that if Sarah could make her surroundings congenial to the better class ghosts, they would keep the others away. This, too, made sense to the widow, because in this world she knew that nice people keep hoodlums out of restricted neighbourhoods where they live. But how to attract the nicer sort of spook? The medium advised obtaining a large house and fixing it up according to the wishes of the spirits which would be revealed to her.

Sarah bought an 18-room house near San Jose and hired 22 carpenters who began to build extra rooms. On their heels came a team of landscape gardeners who planted a towering hedge.

One of the first rooms to be built was the Blue Seance Room. Here, Sarah communed nightly with the spirits, but alone, for it seems that she soon learned to distrust mediums and preferred her own direct channels of communication with the spirit world. Ideas for the building of the house were given to her in these seances from which she would emerge with drawings.

After such seances she would tour the house accompanied by her foreman and explain to him the latest spirit instructions. Some days she would add to them by making sketches herself on a portable drawing table.

Some of the drawings proved impossible to execute, and the results had to be torn down after being only partially built. In some cases they were merely "built round," as with staircases which end in blank walls.

She was, however, remarkably inventive, and produced some ideas which were ahead of their time. And they worked. She improvised a window catch designed on the principle of the Winchester trigger and trip-hammer. She ordered the use of wool for wall insulation. Corner plates on stairways to prevent dust pockets, moulded-in washboards to the tiers of tubs in the great laundry, hinged iron drops for ashes in the 47 fireplaces, all of these were Sarah's inspirations or, as she insisted, the inspirations of the spirits.

Sarah needed a ghost-proof house, but it wasn't that simple. One of the oldest beliefs is that ghosts hate mirrors, that if one catches sight of its own reflection it will immediately vanish. All that Sarah need have done was to install a cheval glass in all four sides of each room to make the entire premises spiritually uninhabitable. That would have freed the place from the ghosts of Indians, low grade whites, fire and water elementals and other undesirables, but it would also have offended the respectable citizens of the spirit world with whom she hoped to associate when her time came. So, instead of hundreds of mirrors, there are in all those 160 rooms only two. These were placed, one in Sarah's bedroom and the other in her bathroom. Even the most insensitive ghost would admit that the hostess had a right to some privacy.

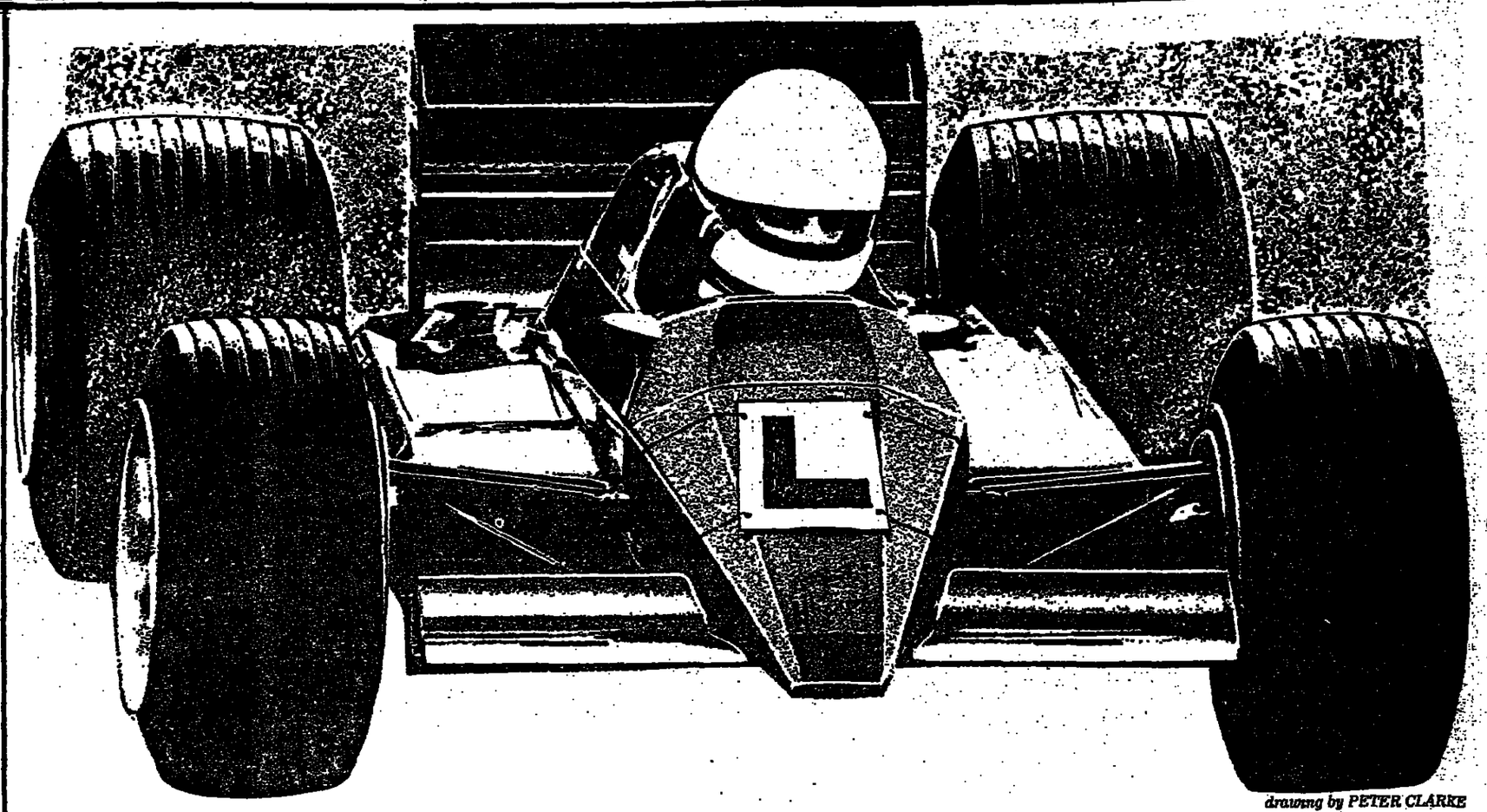
All spooks are supposed to love to vanish up chimneys. Sarah provided not one but 47 such routes, so that when the clock tolled the departure hour there was no need for undignified jostling. Even in the most haunted castles of Europe it is certain that ghosts have never received such service.

The Crazy House contains a maze of staircases one of which has seven flights with 44 steps, but climbing all of these elevates the visitor only about seven feet because each step is just two inches high and a foot and a half across. The theory was that such steps confused and worried the spirits of bad redskins.

One room is lined with balconies of all shapes and sizes. Here the bewildered bad spirits might run around a corner to find that the balcony had suddenly shrunk in width from 3 feet to as many inches. You can step from one of these balconies through a window and find yourself back in another part of the same balcony.

Sarah Winchester went to join her spirit friends on September 5, 1922, in her 86th year. Only then did the sound of hammering cease.

The Crazy House is in San Jose in the Santa Clara Valley, on Winchester Boulevard near the intersection of State Highway 17.



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Kim Hull on the ways of skidpans, speedsail, motorbike parks and basic survival

Land streakers start from here

ACTIVITIES

TRAVELLING at 90 mph in a vibrating and cramped cockpit, a drive in a single seater racing car seems an unlikely idea for a Christmas gift. But that's how many of the visitors to the Ian Taylor Racing School open day had come to be there.

Having watched the smooth and deceptively quick progress of one woman from the safety of the instructor's Lancia Delta Turbo, I was later told that she'd "never done it before but had always fancied a go."

Most of the major race circuits have car racing schools that the general public can attend. At the Thruxton circuit near Andover, Ian Taylor in conjunction with Southern Skid Pans (more of them later) can provide a feast of entertainment for four-wheel aficionados.

The day starts with a briefing in the school classroom. Resting on an easel, a plan shows the corners we will shortly have to negotiate; reassuringly familiar names like Club, Village and Campbell, and hopefully not prophetic Church. In bounces Ian Taylor to cast a few pearls of wisdom, to an audience ranging from the seriously young to the more casually old.

Any butterflies in the stomach disappear as our instructor depresses the throttle of the turbo and the practical demonstration begins. The biggest surprise is the width of the road (sorry, track!) . . . there are no oncoming vehicles to concern yourself with, so you use all of it. Our instructor demonstrates lines of maximum radius, using the cones placed at the entry, apex and exit of each corner.

The importance of looking ahead to anticipate the next change of direction and speed is stressed. This helps you avoid "overdriving" the car, a common fault of enthusiastic beginners who use too much throttle and brake. Then each budding Lauda has two laps in the Lancia, while the accompanying instructor marks performance on a scale of 200.

The "test" over, it's a short walk along the pit lane to the row of Formula Ford 1600cc racing cars. Helmets on, a wriggle into the confines of the seat, and you're strapped down under a seemingly endless number of harnesses into a semi-reclining pose. With hands in the ten to two position, it's a sudden lurch as the clutch's in or out action is encountered.

Coming up to the first corner, the left hand instinctively grasps, to be rewarded by a fistful of air . . . the gear lever is that short stumpy affair on the right. There's a rev limiter to curb the throttle happy which comes in above 4,000 revs per minute; a nice compromise because in top gear the faster corners of the circuit can be taken "flat out" provided that you keep the special Dunlop racing tyres on the correct line. Apart from the other school cars, you are on your own.

There's no competition to prove who's quickest, it's your ability to be at one with the car which is under scrutiny. If that's not enough for you, there's a "Sports 2000" two-seater race car for even more excitement (and speed).

Of more benefit for your road driving skills, however, is the afternoon on the skid pan. Drifting elegantly sideways in a beaten up Ford Cortina on an oil and water slick, pirouetting around a circle of old tyres, it costs less to find out here how good you would be in an emergency than to wait for the real thing. There's a tutorial where the causes and solutions to skids are explained in a humorous manner but with serious undertones. As the diecast Mercedes model knocks the cigarette packet over for the third time, you begin to believe it really is an errant child, or an oncoming vehicle, or a brick wall. . . .

A break for tea, and it's back on the pan where instructor Richard Marriott throws tyres out in front of you to replace the cigarette packet and "cadence braking" techniques are put into practice.

Addresses

Ian Taylor Racing Drivers School, Kiln Meadow, Oare, Hermitage, Nr. Newbury, Berks. Tel. 0635 200205.

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Other race circuits which have car racing schools, etc.: Brands Hatch Circuit Ltd., Fawkham, Dartford, Kent DA3 8NG. Tel. 0474 872331.

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Speed sailing

THE LATEST sailing experience to sweep across the shores of Britain — speed sailing — is a cross between windsurfing and the longer established land yachting. It was started by a French Baron, who, having windsurfed across the English Channel, decided to make a terrestrial windsurfer to cross the Sahara Desert. Unlike the land yacht, there are no brakes or direct method of steering. The latter requirement is provided by the skateboard style "trucks" (articulated axles) which carry 12-inch diameter pneumatic wheels, front and rear. These attach to the hardwood board and from here upwards, it uses identical parts to a windsurfer.

Because the resistance to motion of a speed sail board is minimal, a small 4½ metre "storm" size sail is adequate for speeds of up to 40 mph. Speed sailing is best performed on hard sand beaches at low tide, but can be done on grass.

Most enthusiasts wear crash helmets and knee pads, and a good grounding in the sailing technique of a windsurfer saves a lot of abrasion!.. Falling off on "fresh" desert sand, as would be found by the contestants of last year's world championships in Tunisia, is rather like falling on to sandpaper at speed

The Speed Sailing World Cup will be held on 30th October - 3rd November 1985 at Saunton Sands, Braunton, Devon, and is organised by: The British Speed Sail Association, Suffolk Cottage, Woodberry, Exeter, Devon EX5 1LU. Tel 0392-219560.

Approximate costs guide: Norblan Board (imported from France) £257; Mast (Windsurf item) from £45; Sail (Windsurf item) from £65; Boom (Windsurf item) from £50; Protective Clothing from £30.

Information from: Lanning's Sports and Windsurfing Centre, 66 Uphill Way, Weston-super-Mare. Avon BS23 4TN. Tel 0934-21078.

Motorcycle trail parks

AS AN introduction to "fun and freedom" on two (powered) wheels, you can't beat a session at one of the rising number of purpose designed off road motorcycle parks.

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If, after a "day on the dirt", you should be contemplating a motorcycle as a cheap "traffic beater", prices start at about £450 for a secondhand 125cc learner machine, or about £1,000 new.

Motor Cycle Trail Parks

The British Motorcyclists' Federation, Jack Wiley House, 129 Seaforth Avenue, Motspur Park, New Malden, Surrey KT3 6JU. Tel 01-942 7914.

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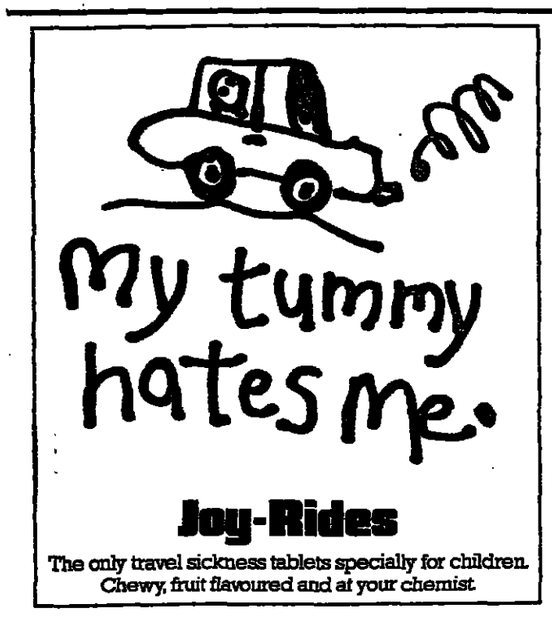

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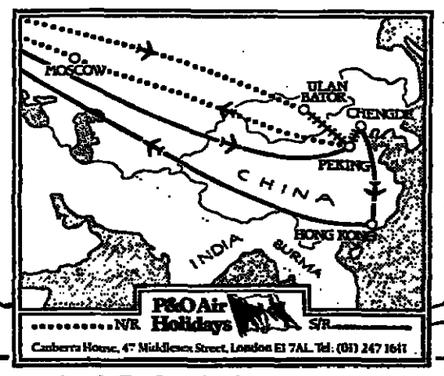

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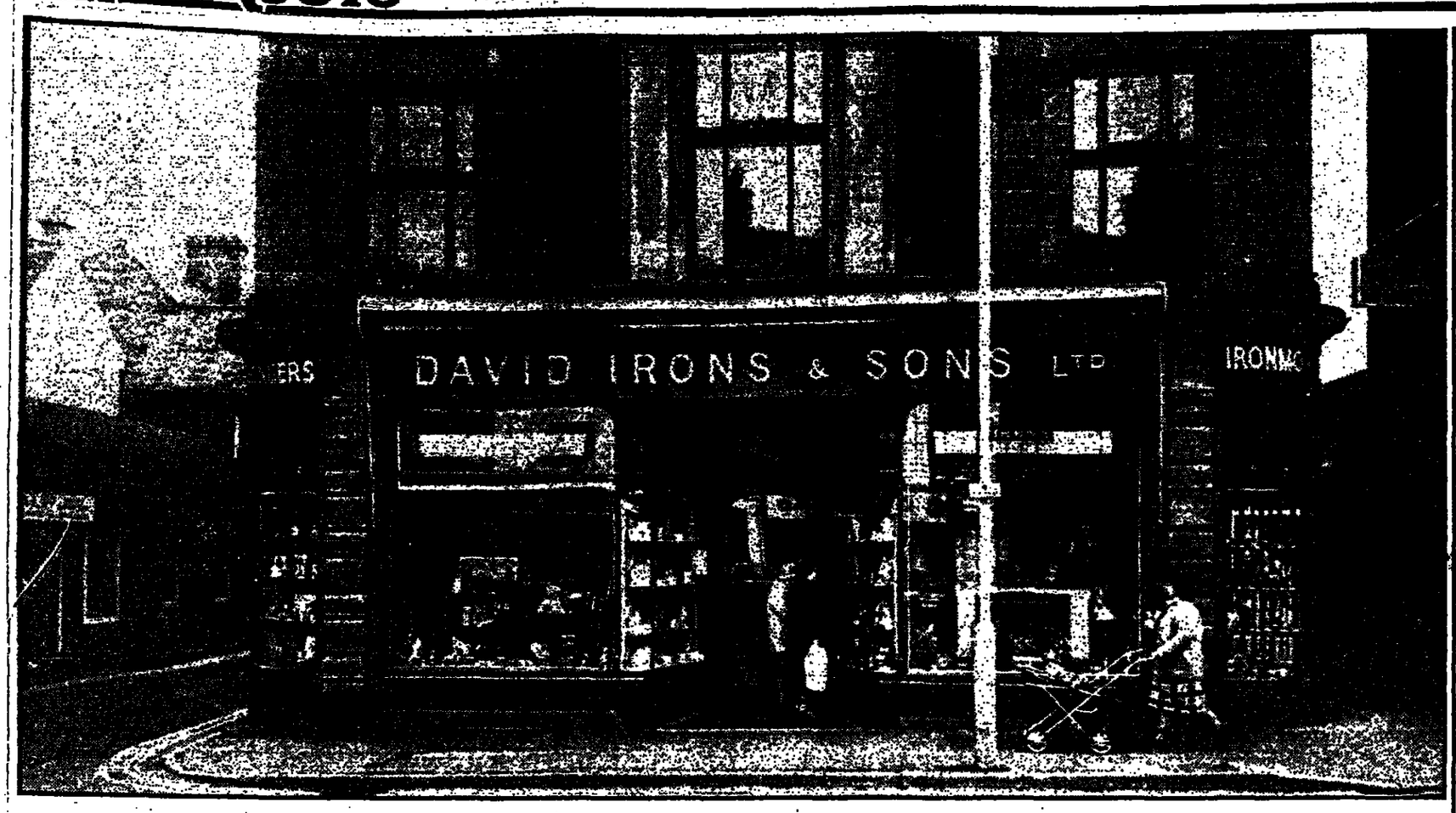


'You can tell from the balance of the books who's been in government,' says Michael Irons, 'and we do far better under Labour. Everything they do's wrong but business booms.'

After the revolt of the Brecon voters, Lindsay Mackie reports from Forfar on the desertion of more of the Government's natural supporters — the shopkeepers.

THE HEADLINES have died down. "Government in rates row" has been replaced by "Government in confidence crisis", and the media caravan has moved on from the tumult caused by this year's rates revaluation in Scotland.

But the impact of the row in Scotland has not died away. The announcement by the Secretary of State for Scotland, George Younger, that £50 millions worth of rate rebate was to be made available for those whose rateable value has gone up by more than three times their 1984/5 valuation has calmed some of the anger, but the long term questions that have been raised still require answers.

Much was made of the effect of the revaluation on the Government's electoral chances in Scotland. The natural constituents of this Government — the small traders and business people — would they desert? Would the Government's 21 seats in Scotland be decimated? After Brecon, anything seems possible.

But turn the question on its head — what will become of these natural allies of the Government, is their own future imperilled? — and you get nearer the present preoccupations of the Scottish boroughs where the small traders and business people are largely to be found.

Forfar, once upon a time the seat of Scottish monarchs and parliaments, now a market town that still maintains an air of prosperous solidity, is a heartland of such people. It has 12,500 inhabitants, a Tory MP, a booming textile factory, some light industry, and hundreds of small businesses. It regularly saves more than most other Scottish towns, its football team was recently promoted to the First Division, and competition seems to be bred into its commercial life since there are few multiple stores here, only a handful of national chains, the rest being businesses that in many cases have been handed on in the family since the nineteenth century.

Walk along Castle Street, take a stroll up East High Street, West High Street, and there is a distinctive air about the place. Here are shops the names on whose fascias correspond to the people working behind the counter.

There is Dalgety the kilt maker, Jarvis the draper and outfitter, Saddler the baker, Caird the chemist, Colin Smith the electrician, Irons the ironmonger and agricultural purveyor, Laura Small the confectioner and cake maker, Main the chemist and photographic supplier, Neil Robertson the printer and stationer, Guild the shoeshop, and Thompson electrical supplier. Even the stiff language of the 1983 town plan, produced by the Angus district council, indicates an unusual stability in Forfar's way of life over the past 100 years when it points out that "with the exception of some replacement shop fronts at ground floor level, there has been comparatively little change to properties along the main streets."

But the revaluation has created a kind of communal depression in Forfar. Michael Irons, joint owner with his brother of the ironmongers' shop built by their grandfather in 1840 in the centre of the town, says: "The revaluation was horrific, and even with a rebate we'll be paying 50 per cent more (from £4,300 pa to £6,400 pa) but we've no option but to stagger on. What else can we do? We have no option, but we still can't get over it."

Charles Jarvis, secretary of the shopkeepers' association and in charge of Jarvis Bros, drapers and outfitters, founded by his grandfather in 1883, says the same. Six businesses have shut down in Forfar's retail trade in the last six months, there are a lot of empty properties, the people coming into them are attached to service industries, based outside the town, for the most part. "But a lot of retail businesses are run not for financial profit, but because it's what people are used to, it's what they like doing, and it's what their families did before them."

These are not ruthless financial equations. The businesses now clobbered, like Jarvis Bros with a 60 per cent increase in rates, even with the Younger rebates, manage to employ quite a lot of people. Jarvis has 11 staff, Irons have 12, including an apprentice taken on last year, Jack Dalgety, in the 123-year-old firm he runs with his brother Alastair, has six.

"In an area like this there's a finite amount of money," Jack Dalgety says. "We're not getting more for our massive increases in rates, no more services, it's as if we're being asked just to pay to work in the buildings where our jobs are."

Michael Small, maker of cakes, truffles, biscuits, and fancies, employer of three travelling salesmen and two relatives in his tiny Castle Street shop, expresses something of the powerlessness of the small retailer bombarded with directives from the layers of Scottish local government, the district and the region, never mind the rates assessor. "You don't seem to have peace to be the same from one year to the next." Some years ago Forfar was covered in a maze of yellow lines, and the great plaint of the shopkeepers ever since has been that business has nosedived.

But to whom do they complain? The region, in charge of traffic, allows Forfar one councillor. "Before regionalisation in 1975, you had the town council and all they were interested in was Forfar. Now the regional council treats the little boroughs the same as Dundee, the big city," says Alan Ducat, the local editor of the Forfar Herald. Oddly, for one so young (28), he puts Forfar's decline from a bustling market town to a borough fearful for its future down to the Beeching inspired closure of the railway station in the 1960s. David Irons says the life draining of Forfar began with the abolition of the ancient town council in 1975.

Andrew Welsh, the energetic Scottish National Party provost of Angus district council, puts the blame wholly on the government. Angus had been a model council before revaluation, he says, cutting spending by 4 per cent, looking forward to offering a modest cut in the rate. Then revaluation was launched. "And now, even before we spend a penny for next year, we know that we're going to lose an equivalent of a rate cut of £2 a week because of the government cutting rate support grant."

The provost says he loves the system of the Scottish boroughs, the way they provide safe, enterprising, supportive communities for their citizenry. "We wanted to keep rates down because of these commercial retailers who fill a great part of a sound economy. But now, with revaluation and government action, the heart is being knocked out of the local community."

The great thing about being a member of a long established commercial community such as Forfar's is that it gives a sense of perspective, and a bit of humour. "You can also tell from the balance of the books who's been in government" says Michael Irons, "and we do far better under Labour. They do everything wrong, but business booms."

"We've had window tax, and rates, and regionalisation, and God knows what else," says Jack Dalgety, standing among the great bales of tartan, the musquash sporrans, and the ladies' apparel,"and we've always managed somehow." But there are signs in Forfar, as in the other douce small boroughs like Forfar, that the struggle to retain a healthy small town life is becoming insupportable.

Brian Crowther on the son who came back from the dead

Hi Mum!

FOUR YEARS have passed, yet memory (which I curse at times) restores and recreates the events of that fateful day. In our quiet, solid terrace house, we prepared tea on a sunlit Saturday afternoon. "Shall we call him in?" someone asked, but it was a cold salad, so we did not. He was playing with friends. They were on their bikes. We had taken such extraordinary care over the years to protect our children....

For all that our terrace is quiet, some fifty yards away is one of the busiest roads in the city. New to the noise and bustle of traffic in a large conurbation after twenty years in the relative calm of the west of Scotland, we were making the necessary adjustments.

Outside the house, movement of people, agitated voices. Why did my wife, my daughter, and I rush out, join them, and run along the terrace to the main road? To this day I do not know. On the road, in its centre, a small knot of people, and on the road, a small crumpled body. As if in slow motion, we pushed through them, my wife and I. It was our youngest son, 13-year-old Neil. Dark red blood was pulsng from a wound at the top of his head. He was quivering, and moaning softly. A middle aged man, very agitated (the driver of the car, we discovered afterwards) told me to move away. "It looks bad," he said. "But he is my son," I told him. I was unaware of where my wife or my daughter were, or what they were doing.

I bent down and touched his leg gently. His jeans had just been washed. It was quite impossible to take it in. Strangely, I remembered my one serious fall on a mountain, and how at the time it seemed unreal, as if I were detached, discontented from what was happening.

The mercifully short journey down to the hospital was equally unreal, with the siren wailing. Now, the not unfrequent sound of an ambulance speeding past causes me great anguish. My wife was in the ambulance next to the driver, I learned later. As they reached the hospital, she told me afterwards, an ambulance man told a colleague curtly to "get her away from here." We now know that our son was convulsing, and we have reason to believe that one of the ambulance men took emergency action to save his life.

The wait in the hospital seemed to last for ever. A surgeon came to see us and told us that he did not know whether our son would live or die. It was a very severe head injury, he said. My wife and I cried, unable to comfort each other. I telephoned our eldest son, then in Scotland, asking him to come to us immediately. "Neil is dying," I said.

After a brain scan, the surgeon decided to operate. "I am not God," he said, and made no promises. We agreed to allow the use of Neil's organs for transplant purposes, should he die, and for all that this offer is consistent with our deeply held beliefs, I do not understand how we were able to assent then.

In intensive care, we saw our young son for the first time since the accident. He was almost unrecognisable, his head grotesquely swollen. He was, of course, on a life support machine. The long vigils began. For two weeks we were together or separately at his bedside. We talked to him incessantly, held his hands, caressed him, played for him music he loved — Bach, Vivaldi, Rodrigo, The Who. At home when we played the same music, we wept. In the hospital we fretted when temperatures or pressures on the dials all about his bed approached or exceeded certain limits.

After an interminable number of days — or so it seemed — his eyes opened. "Hi Mum," he said, and these will always be the sweetest words my wife and I have ever heard. We had been warned that Neil might — if he survived — be blind, deaf, dumb, a vegetable, a hopeless cripple. We told ourselves that we were prepared to face any or all of these possibilities. We only wished that he might live.

Cruelly, a severe chest infection caused great anxiety after he had recovered consciousness. It was almost more than we could bear. To have him restored to life, and then to face this new threat, was a hideous torment. A combination of factors saved his life: the skill of the surgeons, the devoted care of expert nursing staff, the overwhelming love of his family and of close friends, and his own sturdy health and youthful resilience.

Eventually he came home — earlier than anticipated because we pressed for his release from hospital and convinced the authorities that we could care for him. Anyway, Neil wanted very much to come home. We still did not know what we had left of the bright and athletic young son whose future had been so promising until his terrible accident. For a whole year we devoted our lives to Neil. All else was relegated to the background. Eventually he returned to school, after a plastic plate had been fitted over the hole in his head. Long sessions continued with physiotherapists, paediatricians and clinical psychologists, all of which contributed to Neil's steady progress.

Our son may not now go to university. He struggled to take some O levels at a college of further education last year and obtained a couple of good passes. He has taken a few more O levels this year, and if things work out he will think about trying for two A levels next year. University or polytechnic is still beyond the horizon, but it is no longer inconceivable.

He is no longer the exceptionally bright and athletic adolescent he was. But he is no less intelligent, no less sensitive, and he has not lost his keen sense of humour, in spite of the loss of a few million brain cells.

Each morning as I go to collect my Guardian from the newsagent, I walk past the very spot on the busy road where his life spilled out on to the unyielding surface. As I compete against him at snooker and table tennis, or play football or cricket with him in the nearby park, or listen with him to Bach, Vivaldi, Rodrigo or The Who, and see him gently smiling at me, I could weep with happiness. For my beloved young son Neil, who almost died, is alive.

Genius not without profit in his adopted country

The London Proms open on Friday with an insult to the tercentenary of George Frederic Handel. David Ward makes amends.

SCUNTHORPE POLICE, it was reported, are looking for a prankster who filled the town hall's answering machine with 2¾ hours of Handel's Messiah. Some questions remain unanswered. Why Scunthorpe? Why the town hall? And, most important of all, why Messiah?

Leaving aside Arnoldian speculation about the need to bring sweetness and light to the burghers of Scunthorpe, we turn to Handel's masterpiece. And the simple fact is that if you are going to clog up the town hall tapes with a great choral masterpiece, it has to be Messiah. For Messiah stands alone, universally known and fairly universally loved; it crosses rigid musical demarcation lines and fascinates both the ardent but not particularly talented amateur and the most dedicated scholar of the da capo and the double dot.

And why, by the way, do the Proms open on Friday, in Handel's tercentenary year, with the Mozart version sung in German when we have only lately been sold the joys of authenticity? What next — Ebeneezer Prout?

If they'd had answering machines in Scunthorpe 100 years ago, Mendelssohn might have stood a chance with Elijah. But never Bach. The Passions, the B minor mass are too cerebral, too serious, too complex; the British, and particularly the English, like their masterpieces straight; complexity is fine but it must know its place.

R. A. Streatfield, writing in 1909, with wondrous prescience, knew why Handel rather than Bach was more suited to the Scunthorpe tapes: "Bach's St Matthew Passion is only a work of art by accident. It was primarily written for edification, and edification, however excellent a thing in itself, has nothing to do with art, though art is often compelled to be its handmaid. Bach's passion is a church service, Handel's Messiah is a poem. Bach deals with facts, Handel with ideas."

That last sentence is suspect, but Streatfield was on the right lines. The Victorians just before him spent long hours pondering the popularity of Messiah and asking themselves (since they were Victorians) whether it was morally right to enjoy it so much.

Joseph Bennett, writing in a Handel feature in the Musical Times in 1893, thought he had the answer: "We are never able to get on square and fair terms with the secret of art which is great and noble and also popular. The condition is almost paradoxical, and assuredly difficult of clear explanation.

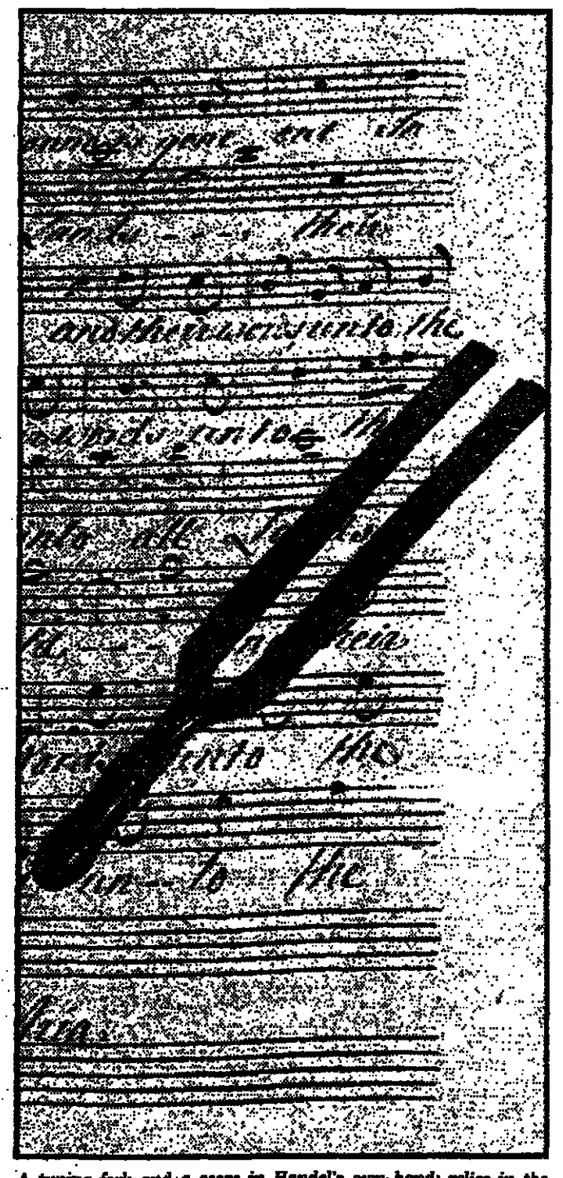
"But it may be useful to consider that Handel's art was never in excess of his purpose. Handel, with unerring tact, suited the means to the end. He went to his object by the most direct route and in the simplest manner. There is no mistaking him. He never leads us into a fog of doubt, and the road through any one of his oratorios is a course so straight and luminous that the wayfaring man, though a fool, cannot err therein. The average mind appreciates that which is readily intelligible and obviously sincere."

Messiah is the masterpiece for the average mind. The appealing paradox of Messiah (as with much of Shakespeare) is that it manages to be both "readily intelligible and obviously sincere" and intellectually satisfying. Stainer's Crucifixion is intelligible and sincere, but falls far short of being a masterpiece. It's third division stuff, whereas Messiah is at the top of the league and no one can patronise you for liking it.

Some critics have sought to explain its popularity in terms of sociology or politics or religion (or all three). Reginald Nettel called Messiah "that monument to the Victorian concept of evangelical Christianity and the progress brought by the industrial revolution" (North Staffordshire Music, 1977) and William Mellers argues that during the 1850s mammoth performances of Messiah were "elevated to a rite and became a kind of national substitute for religious experience." (He's right: one Crystal Palace performance was said to have "sounded as if a nation were at prayers".)

Fair comment; but both Nettel and Mellers overlook the simple fact that people love and have loved Messiah because the tunes are so good and because they are touched by it in ways that reason cannot always fully comprehend. And to reject Messiah because you don't approve of religion, imperialism, or Victorian capitalism is to cut off your nose to spite your face.

Messiah, first performed in Dublin in 1741, took time to catch on but once established, its popularity never waned. Handel himself was able to bank on its appeal to raise funds for the Foundling Hospital and the first rural performance was staged in 1759 to benefit a charity. The visionary William Hanbury, vicar of Church Langton in Leicestershire, wanted money for a school, a teacher, and the relief of poverty in his parish. But he also had a dream of a new collegiate foundation with a huge cathedral, bigger than York, at its heart.



A tuning fork and a score in Handel's own hand: relics in the possession of the Thomas Coram Foundation in London.

Hanbury's principal fund-raising scheme was a garden centre (he planted large acreages of trees and sold fine specimens to the local gentry) but thought a country performance of Messiah, then doing the rounds of the big music festivals and cathedral cities, could provide a useful boost to funds.

He hired Dr William Hayes, professor of music at Oxford, to direct a performance in the parish church at Church Langton, had a new organ specially constructed (the original keyboard, now very battered, remains in the nave), and the event took place on September 27, 1759, the day following the vicar's birthday. Hanbury described the traffic jam created by concert goers and recalled the performance, which popular rumour said Handel had attended even though he had been dead for five months:

"The music, on so solemn a subject, by so good a band, was most affecting; and to see the effect it had on different persons was astonishingly moving and strange. An eye without tears I believe could hardly be found in the whole church, and everyone endeavoured to conceal the emotions of his heart: drooping heads, to render the tears unnoticed, became for a while almost general, till by now and then looking about, and finding others affected in the like manner, no concealment in a little time was made. Tears then with unconcern were seen trickling down the faces of many: and then indeed it was extremely moving to see the pity, compassion and devotion, that had possessed the greatest part present.

"As soon as the oratorio ended, and the company was out of the church, the doors were set wide open, and part of it performed over again for the entertainment of the common people; and it was really curious to see what a hurry they were to get in, and what striving there was immediately to get out again; for they crushed one another to an amazing degree. It pleased them however and thus ended the day's performance in the church."

And so the "common people" acquired a taste for Messiah and they have not wearied of it yet. What finally brought Messiah to the masses was cheap music. By 1859, the price of Vincent Novello's pocket edition was a mere 1s 4d, which explains why so many amateurs could join in those mammoth performances at Crystal Palace: in 1859 there were 2,765 singers in the chorus, with an orchestra of 400. When they performed Messiah there in 1857 with slightly smaller forces, they said you could hear the Hallelujah Chorus half a mile from Norwood.

Mammoth performances were daft. But who could begrudge those earnest choristers their moments of glory and who today could resist the wish to have been in Crystal Palace to listen or take part?

Messiah remains top of the league. "I can tell you that without looking," said the man from the hire library at Novello and Co. "We hire out scores in vast quantities every year, with particular peaks at Christmas and Easter." Manchester's Henry Watson Music Library has 1,380 copies of the vocal score and every one is out on loan at Christmas; book early to avoid disappointment.

Local choral societies and their audiences still love it. "We always get a good audience for Messiah," said Barbara Johnson, secretary of the Gatley Choral Society in the Manchester suburbs. "If we do anything obscure, the takings suffer. A lot of people say it's not Christmas until you've done Messiah."

Amen to that. I do a scratch Messiah every year, using one of Manchester's 1,380 copies. About 180 of us turn up to listen to the soloists and join in the choruses. The tenors are usually thin on the ground and the basses are normally asked politely to keep up with everyone else.

I choose my seat with care. Messiah has come to me imperfectly by osmosis and all those little black notes ("And he shall purify-hy-hy-hy") are intimidating and I need a strong lead. Once I sat next to a bass singing from an early sol-fa edition and that was fine. But my anxieties are usually groundless. A mighty squad behind me rips into And the glory of the Lord, and we're off.

By the Hallelujah Chorus (and sorry, sir, it was my wife who didn't know she was supposed to stand up), the big sing is raising the hairs on the back of my neck and what bass can resist the mighty lead of "Blessing and honour, glory and pow'r be unto him" in Worthy is the Lamb?

By the great Amen, my soul is shredded. Thanks Mr Handel, and happy birthday.

Jean-Luc's new testament

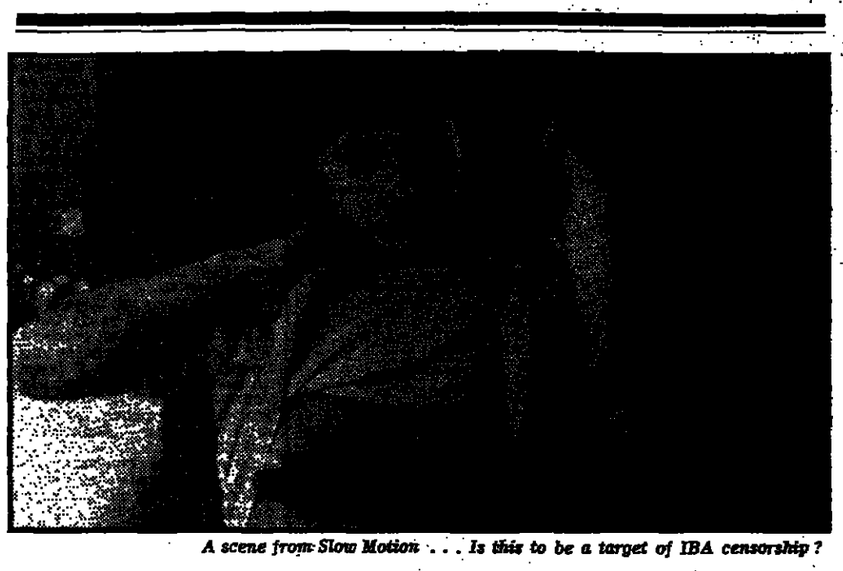
As Channel 4 begin a major retrospective of the work of Jean-Luc Godard, Colin MacCabe assesses the position of this controversial film-maker in cinema history

"IF THERE'S one thing that writing a book on Godard convinced me of, it's that one should avoid becoming Godard's producer at all costs." Thus I joked to Tony Kirkhope of The Other Cinema as we flew out to Geneva in the spring of last year to fix up the final details of a package whereby Tony was to produce a television programme that Godard was to make for Channel 4.

The joke had turned a little sour as some six months later I sat in Paris in the pouring rain of a winter morning while Godard, in despair over the progress of the movie Detective, simply refused to talk about a detailed schedule for the programme which was already three months overdue.

But dealing with Godard is both difficult and easy — difficult in that he is a perfectionist who constantly demands enough time to complete something to his entire satisfaction (there was yet more potential for cardiac arrest when Tony arrived in Geneva this March to be told that Godard was so dissatisfied with the finished programme that he was going to start again from scratch); easy in that he will always fulfil his commitments in his own time. It is this insistence on ignoring the frenetic rhythms of cinema and television where money and hype ceaselessly destroy time that makes Godard's work both unique and important.

When Godard broke with the conventional cinema in 1968 it was ostensibly a political act, but the real politics of the image had nothing to do with the sectarian Maoism which provided an explicit commentary on this decision. Godard was determined to break with the logic of money and contracts which imposed fixed schedules of production and reinvestigate the possibilities offered by the combination of sound and image. Above all, for Godard, it was a question of gaining control of production, of slowing down the conventional processes so that they could be understood and transformed.



A scene from Slow Motion . . . Is this to be a target of IBA censorship?

If it was revolutionary politics and the aggressive egalitarianism of the '68 era which signalled the break with conventional aesthetics and established hierarchies, it was the possibilities offered by the new video technology which allowed Godard genuine control of the production and editing of images. Throughout the seventies he assembled, together with Anne-Marie Mieville, the hardware which enabled them to become an almost autonomous production house.

The films and television programmes they produced throughout the seventies are a remarkable investigation of the violent divorce between work and home, labour and love, which is so essential to advanced capitalist societies and which they were attempting to overcome in their own practice.

From the base they had built together, Godard felt capable of re-entering the conventional production structures at the beginning of the eighties. Since then he has produced a stream of extraordinary and beautiful movies, one of the most recent of which, Hail Mary, will inaugurate London's new Metro cinema in September.

By that time viewers of Channel 4 will have had an opportunity to consider the full range of Godard's experiments in a season of his post-68 work which starts on Monday. At least, one must hope that the full range is available for there is talk that the IBA are thinking of censoring both Numero Deux and Slow Motion because of their explicit sexual content.

Such censorship would mark a triumph of low-brow philistinism. The films are not remotely titillating or pornographic and their ferocious investigation and indictment of much contemporary sexuality makes them essential contributions to contemporary ethics. One can only hope that the IBA recognise the aesthetic and political importance of Godard's work and allow the series to go ahead in its entirety.

One of the high points is sure to be the transmission of Soft and Hard, the video that took so long to deliver. Shot in and around the village of Rolle in Switzerland where Godard and Miéville live, the programme focusses on the relation of images to conceptions of home, of nature, of art.

The galmourous images of Hollywood, seen ever more nostalgically as irretrievably lost, and the bland images of daily television, seen as ever more omnipresent, are contrasted with images of Godard and Miéville in their appartment.

The questions they pose are ones that affect us all. How is one to understand the interchange between image and reality which is so constant a process within our society? How do the images of films we remember or the images of television broadcast into our living rooms affect our images of ourselves?

These abstract questions are posed in relation to concrete experience. How is Godard to understand the problems he had in making Detective or Anne-Marie to reflect on her short film The Book of Mary? As the couple discuss and demonstrate these problems, one has the feeling that they, at least, have gone some way towards solving the distinction between industrial production and domestic labour — here, for the first time, is "home television."

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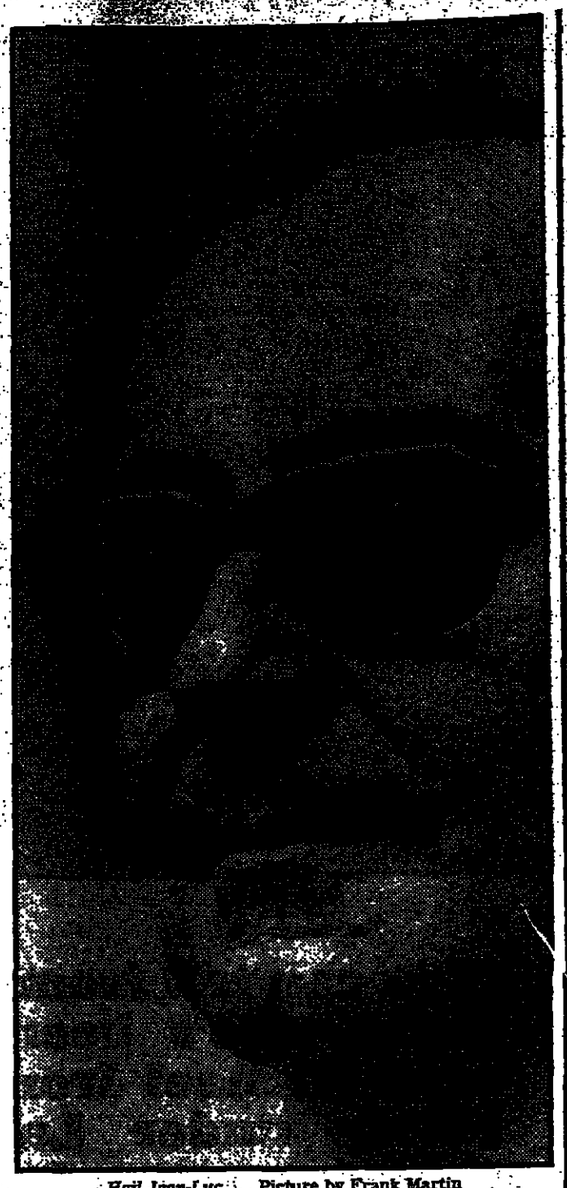

Hail Jean-Luc . . . Picture by Frank Martin

Pick of next week's TV

Monday

Human Jigsaw (Thames 11.30, Central 10.35, other regions vary). Return of the pop anthropolgy series finds presenter Ray Gosling on exercises with the TA, dodging the paint pellet bullets in a battle between pub-teams and keeping a safe distance as two villages engage in a kind of free form rugger scrum. He repeatedly poses the question: do war games act as a release for aggression or develop it? — but fails to find an answer.

End Of Empire (C4, 9.0). Final part of the series, at its best, as here, when uncovering new evidence in familiar stories. The subject is Rhodesia; begins with UDI, precipitated by Wilson's "insane" (Denis Healey's word) admission that a British military invasion was out of the question, and continues with the Lancaster House talks 15 years later, the subsequent election — and the British fear of a white coup.

Tuesday

Radio Pictures (BBC-2, 9.35). Witty play, seething with ironies and set in the cosy world of radio drama where the old stagers bring their knitting, the sound effects man teeters around in high heels, and the playwright flaps around like an expectant father. Starry cast includes Dinsdale Landen as a Peeping Tom philologist in the play within a play ("he knows all the vocabulary but he doesn't have the lingo"), and a frisky old flirt once the microphone's turned off. As in last week's Glamour Night, the author — in this case Stewart Parker — is in a way satirising himself. Enjoyable.

Howard Jones — at Manchester Apollo BBC-2, 7.0). If you blink and miss Jones in the Live Aid line-up, you can catch up with his brand of optimistic, synthesiser pop in this rather more extended showcase.

Wednesday

Sperm Bank Baby (BBC-1, 9.25). Dr Afton Blake, a Californian psychologist, unmarried but desperate for a child, tells reporter Desmond Wilcox why, at last, she turned to a sperm bank which deals only in "genius" fathers. She rather skirts the issue of the "elitist master race feeling of it" but can't be faulted for frankness in any other respect. The father, Donor 28, seen from the knees down in a television interview, is rather a disappointment however: "It's not very exciting work," he says.

Mozart's Unfinished (C4, 8.30). Grittily jolly documentary showing how the composer Philip Wilby completed one of Mozart's hundred or so unfinished works. "Witnesses," actors playing Mozart's contemporaries and other musicians, are summoned — a phony device — and the Amadeus Trio and the Orchestra of St John's, Smith Square, perform.

The Red And The Black (C4, 7.35). Lively studio debate about the need, or otherwise, for black sections in the Labour Party — an issue, on this showing, which seems to divide potential members of such sections as much as it does the rest of the Left.

Thursday

Maybe Baby (BBC 2, 9.55). Jack Klaff, so persuasive in his recent one-man play, Nagging Doubts, portraying his South African childhood, brandishes his liberal conscience and "new man" credentials in this two-hander about a couple agonising over whether to have a child. Occasional insights don't dispel the general tackiness.

From The Face Of The Earth (C4, 8.0), Hepatitis B, a disease endemic in parts of the Third Worlyd and an ever-present threat to homosexual communities 10 years ago, was like some horrible dress rehearsal for Aids. June Goodfieyld the series' medical sleuth, discovers how a vaccine was developed and given a successful clinical trial thanks to the co-operation of thousands of gays in New York's Greenwich Village.

Friday

Quickly Up The Thames (BBC 1, 10.15). Not quite the Hindu Kush but, seen through the eyes of author and travelling man Eric Newby, the Thames has its fascination. He describes his remarkable career which began as an apprentice on one of the last of the great sailing ships.

First Night Of The Proms (BBC 1, 10.15). Sir John Pritchard and the BBC Symphony Orchestra celebrate the 300th anniversary of Handel's birth with a performance of the Messiah — in the Mozart arrangement.

Helen Oldfield

Miller's tale of China

Hugh Hebert on how Peking took to Willy Loman

DURING the years of the Red Guards, we're told, only eight plays were officially allowed on the Chinese stage, and I bet they were all depressing. They may also have been purging, and naturally any play that is more purging than depressing counts as tragedy, while plays that depress more than they purge count mostly as pains in the neck.

Whether they knew which they were getting or not, in 1983 the Peking People's Art Theatre — no longer confined to the eight approved texts — invited Arthur Miller to direct a production of his Death of a Salesman, translated by Ying Ruocheng, who also played the main role. Later, Miller wrote a book about it, and The Salesman Goes to China (BBC-1) was the Omnibus edition of his experiences, as revealing of the state of the theatre there in the wake of the Cultural Revolution as it was of the play.

Now let me give it to you straight, or as Ying translates the phrase, "Let me talk to you open door see mountain" — the Chinese having invented the comma long after they thought of gunpowder. Death of a Salesman has always tended to purge me less than it depresses me, mainly because most of what happens to Willy Loman could possibly happen to any man in the audience, and because the American dream and the American selling ethic has always meant less on this side of the Atlantic.

The merit of this documentary was that — with clips of three different Lomans, Lee J. Cobb, Dustin Hoffman, Ying himself — and with Miller providing a gloss, it seemed a richer play.

But it was the Chinese company that made the exercise worthwhile. With their accounts of the Red Guard years, when they were, as Ying said, treated like criminals, made to till the fields and be re-educated by the theatre cleaners, with the way they took to a wholly alien western theatrical tradition, they revealed a rubber-like resilience.

The programme's only serious fault was that it had none of the solid structure of Miller's drama. It felt like one of those cushions packed with foam chips, full but amorphous. I don't know whether the producer/narrator Alan Yentob or his director Jill Evans slowly take the rap for that. Or as Ying translates the phrase, I [illegible] who will take that charred cooking pot on their back.

Commercial breaks (BBC-2) returned with a programme up-dating two earlier eavesdropping sessions on Maxwell and the Mirror he bought just a year ago. The earlier shows, extensively re-capped last night, had some pretty lucky breaks of their own, or else some skilled replays: the moment when Clive Thornton was told that Maxwell had bid £80 million, the meeting when Maxwell's boys realised the Sun had stolen their million pound thunder.

In the year since, Cap'n Bob has spent £10 million on publicity, mainly for Cap'n Bob: Maxwell meeting the president of, wait for it Bulgaria; Maxwell receiving his degree from the Polytechnic of New [illegible]; Maxwell—front page splash [illegible]—rescuing Sinclair. This was the sharpest of the three programmes, and somehow I don't think there will be a fourth.

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A State of Affairs

APART from a certain glib facility in the dialogue, and valiant effort from the cast, I can find little to recommend in this programme of four purportedly humorous playlets by Graham Swannell. Peter James is the director and the production is a transfer from the Lyric at Hammersmith, which usually has better taste. Marriage and mistresses may present fertile ground for laughter but surely we can expect more than a concoction of cliche and thinly-veiled misogyny dressed up in the trappings of contemporary life-styles?

Playlet, the first, lauds the power of thigh boots and lacy black underwear to resurrect a failing sexual life. Accurate or not, it is hardly a novel observation, and is it, of itself, funny? No doubt we are meant to fell prodigious sympathy for Gary Bond as the oppressed husband, forced to perform every night when once a month would be quite enough. Admittedly, he gives a credible stab at this thankless role, and he has certainly met his match in Nichola McAuliffe's vain and predatory Caroline.

Man as victim reappears in the second piece when a poor philanderer is confronted by the horrifying revelation that his mistress has fallen in love with him. Amanda Boxer rises beautifully to the challenge of the fury of a woman scorned, and Nichola McAuliffe returns in different guise with just the right note of fortitude and hesitation as the dowdy partner from whom the man escaped temporarily for a bit of excitement.

Part two deals respectively with the erring husband turned solitary drinker and the (male) cultural deprivations of childrearing. Neither offers more than a pessimistic shrug in its attempt to challenge stereotypes. There is a certain cruel acuity in spotting the niceties of British social stratification and their relation to sexual behaviour but not enough to rescue what is ultimately a pretty depressing experience, though a few men who feel their historical supremacy threatened by the army of modern viragos might find it a source of comfort.

BIRMINGHAM

Gerald Larner

CBSO/ Edwards

THE PROM routine requires both predictable programmes and predictable conductors, nothing and nobody likely to obstruct the efficient conversion of minimum rehearsal into maximum returns. The exception is once again provided by the City of Birmingham Syphony Orchestra, which entrusted itself in the middle of the last week of its Prom season to a conductor with little experience and no popular reputation.

MARITAL ARTS . . . Gary Bond and Nichola McAuliffe in A State of Affairs. Picture by Douglas Jeffery

Actually, Sian Edwards has done one or two out-of-town concerts with the CBSO and she did win the conductors' competition in Leeds last year. So they could certainly trust her. She, for her part, had to prove that there is more to her ability than just that, which is one reason why she applied herself with such determination to Beethoven's Eighth Symphony in the second half of the concert. It was a refreshingly vital performance, vulnerable to the usual problems, but structurally well organised.

Structure seems to have a high priority in Miss Edwards's conducting. Certainly, the overall shaping was the most impressive aspect of her interpretation of the Fingal's Cave Overture. Given less dramatic pieces like Grieg's Two Elegaic Melodies, she is less interesting, particularly when she relapses into those vague looping gestures which even out the metrical details.

ST PAUL'S

Hugo Cole

Berlioz

The big festival concert at St Paul's are grand public events. The music often suffers, but they can still provide unique if bewildering sound experiences. The cheerful Poulenc organ concerto with the solo part played by John Birch was reduced to an almost indecipherable jumble of smudged sounds dominated by timpani and double basses as heard from the south transept. One could sometimes read musical sense into this strange medley, but with no more certainty than a psychologist interpreting his Rorshach blots.

Wagner's Lohengrin (the opening prelude) was much more at home under the great dome, with its slow changes of harmony and colour and one long-spread swell and fade. But the real justification for the occasion came with Berlioz's Te Deum conducted by Charles Groves in his most majestic manner, with London Philharmonic and London Symphony Choruses, the Philharmonia Orchestra, 300 voices in the children's choir, with Ian Caley as soloist. This was an impressive performance even though the antiphonal effects devised for organ and orchestra at opposite ends of a great church were necessarily lost.

The music allows for inevitable blurring of detail and also allows a huge choir to assert its own character and identity. There are tunes both solemn and lyrical, no more counterpoint than the ear can cope with, and characteristic harmonic surprises often saved for final cadences. This military Te Deum even ends with a march; slow but far from lugubrious, with some of the most interesting music in the whole work.

ST JOHN'S

Edward Greenfield

Peterborough Orchestra

IN THE language of a Civil Service handout, the Peterborough String Orchestra may talk about "playing an important role in regional music provision," but in the 18 months since this talented band of 12 young professional players was formed it has achieved that and more.

Its latest London concert at St John's, Smith Square, demonstrated in every item of a delightfully varied programme that its work is not just about formality and civic or regional duty but the real emotional stuff of music-making.

Taking a leaf out of the book of the Moscow Chamber Orchestra, the players of the Peterborough String Orchestra give their performances standing (except for the cellos), and that may in part account for their alertness whether in Mozart, Elgar, Shostakovich, or a rare Concerto for Strings by the Polish woman composer, Grazyna Baciewicz.

If Mozart's Eine kleine Nachtmusik at the start was brisk, fresh and positive, plain in its classical manners rather than subtlety shaped, it led to aptly warm performances of the more overtly emotional pieces which followd. The leader, Paul Manley, with minimum fuss, consistently led his band of a dozen through the subtlest nuances of expressive rubato with the sort of responsive precision you expect from a string quartet.

That was so whether in the gently inflected phrases of Elgar's Serenade for Strings and Chansons de matin et de nuit, or in the darker, violently energetic rhythms of the fast movements in the Baciewicz or the Shostakovich Chamber Symphony based on the Eighth String Quartet.

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Quote . . . Unquote (Radio 4, 12.27 pm). New series of what is now a Golden Oldie. Virgin Territory (Radio 4, 8.30 pm). Play about the campaigning journalist W. T. Stead's fight against child prostitution.

Tomorrow: Touched (Radio 4, 2.30 pm). Repeat of Stephen Lowe's Monday play about the dreams and realities of three sisters in the last weeks of the second world war — confusing voices, but a moving evocation of the flavour and emotions of the times.

In the Psychiatrist's Chair (Radio 4, 7.30 pm). Dr Anthony Clare talks to R. D. Laing, shrink to shrink.

Monday: Behavioural Sciences (Radio 4, 8.15 pm). Martyn Wade's black comedy about a couple's dreams, and what might be buried in a suburban back garden.

Tuesday: Phone-in on the NHS (Radio 4, 9.5 am). With Health Minister Kenneth Slarke in the hot seat.

Wildlife (Radio 4, 11.33 am). Derek Jones chairs a debate about bird shooting.

Wednesday: Crossroads (Radio 3, 7.30 pm). A new Rhys Adrian play about an elderly show-biz couple, played by Brenda Bruce and Peter Sallis.

Thursday: Crossing the Frontier (Radio 4, 3 pm). Peter Tinniswood's comedy about cruise life and shipboard romance.

Friday: A Year in the Life of The Albert Hall (Radio 4 11 am). The Proms start tonight, and Nigel Farrell has listened to the many and diverse events here over the last year.

Val Arnold-Forster

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WEEK-END PEOPLE

BYRD — *Chandler's mantle.* Picure by Garry Weaser.

Criminal fraternity's don

THE bulge near Max Byrd's armpit was unmistakeable. He was carrying. "It's a wallet," he said, opening his jacket to expose a white shoulder holster. Where the butt should have been was a zip. "I have had the most amazing respect from shopkeepers," he remarked innocently. Mae West made a more loaded remark about a holster, but this is a family newspaper.

Byrd is neither fish nor fowl — an American academic at the University of California specialising in 18th century literature who, many critics believe, will inherit Raymond Chandler's mantle for the private eye series he has embarked upon. His third Mike Haller thriller, Finders Weepers, is published by Alison & Busby, £8.95.

"In my first book, California Thriller, I wanted Haller to be the grandson of Phillip Marlowe," he says. "I was frankly trying to imitate and update what Chandler had done."

Haller is a Bostonian private eye operating in the sleazy Tenderloin district of San Francisco. Byrd admits his hero's name might have been a mistake. He was not well acquainted with Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer stories, and had myopically poached the monniker of the English scholar William Haller from Boston.

Anglophilia and literature are Byrd's unlikely links with Chandler. The latter was imbued with a classical education at Dulwich College and always regarded himself as an Englishman. His stories were a marriage of classical precision and street slang.

Likewise, Byrd spent a year after graduating from Harvard as a research student at King's College, Cambridge, and is as happy as a cop in muck wandering around London — the subject of his study of how literary figures responded to the city. His most recent academic work was a critical study of Laurence Sterne's novel Tristram Shandy.

It is not surprising that the hard-bitten Haller has a stylish line of chat. "You're always saying that Freud was the first great detective," says his girlfriend. "He made it easy for himself," Haller replies. "He just decided everybody was guilty."

Byrd went gumshoe four years ago after attending a conference for aspiring writers in Squaw Valley. A paperback editor agreed to read his manuscript of California Thriller and signed him up a week later. Now he returns as an occasional teacher.

What is his colleagues' reaction to this literary slumming? "I think the most tactful word is wary," he said. "They probably think I have made pots of money, which is not true.

"It means that I hang around with a more interesting class of person. I go to bars with cops; I find them very good company. Recently I arranged to have lunch with one in San Francisco. All he wanted to talk about was Jane Austen."

Thriller writing changed his approach to teaching (he is a Professor of English). "I became more interested in how authors did it. I can't read serious literary criticism now. I have given the subject a whole different set of emphases."

How do his students compare with Brits? "English students are generally so much more better read and more articulate when they come to university that they have an advantage. They are much more interesting to teach: discussing, disagreeing and not afraid to speak out. All Americans who come over here sense the astonishing literaryness of English culture."

He almost said that our policemen are wonderful, but stopped himself and touched his shoulder holster.

THE GUARDIAN 1960

JULY 13: The United States vigorously protested to the Soviet Union last night over the "unwarranted shooting down" of an American reconnaissance aircraft on July 1. It said the aeroplane was never within 30 miles of Soviet land territory.

In a note delivered to the Soviet Foreign Ministry in Moscow, the United States said it was evident that the Soviet Air Force aeroplanes "wantonly attacked" the American RB-47 aircraft over international waters. . .

MR MACMILLAN told the Commons yesterday that he is going to consult with President Eisenhower on any "modification or improvement" of the agreement about the use of American air bases in Britain.

This promise was welcomed by the crowded Chamber, meeting in the chilling shadow of the Arctic incident, but it was not made clear that the House or the public will in future be any less in the dark than hitherto. Nor, indeed, did the Prime Minister even say whether the British Government has been consulted about the flights.

JULY 14: Elisabethville, July 13. The Premier of Katanga Province, M. Moise Tshombe, declared today that there was no question of his retracting the declaration of independence from the rest of the Congo which he made on Monday.

He agreed there was some doubt about the legality of the declaration, but said it had been his duty to do it to save lives in Katanga and prevent communism from taking over. There was no question of obeying today's order by the head of the Central Government, M. Lumumba, that Belgian troops should return to the Kamina military base.

JULY 15: Alistair Cooke, Los Angeles, July 14. At ten minutes to eleven last night from a hideout in Beverly Hills, Senator John Kennedy saw the white flag go up over the last Democratic outpost two years and several precisely calculated months, weeks, days, and hours after he began to tunnel through the party's stronghold in the 50 states and their inland territories and possessions.

It was just before 2 am of the Fourteenth of July along the Atlantic seaboard, so it is the literal truth to say that the Democratic nomination fell to him on Bastille Day, after a campaign hovered over by the admiring ghosts of Napoleon, Hitler, and Montgomery and by the actual presence alongside a television set of vice-president Nixon, who sat up in Washington taking notes and learning things against the dawn of Labour Day, when he will take the field against a strategist as cool and ruthless as himself.

It will be a famous war, and the expectations here, among war correspondents who covered the 1950 Nixon campaign in California, and the Kennedy forays everywhere is that the battlegrounds will be drenched with ice water.

JULY 16: In an impassioned speech the Prime Minister of the Congo, M. Lumumba, told deputies yesterday that he had ordered all Belgian troops to leave the country within 12 hours. If United Nations troops co-operated with the Belgians they too must leave.

JULY 18: Elisabethville, July 17. After some strong fighting talk Premier Tshombe of Katanga ended a press conference here today by showing the design of a new independent Katanga flag — a gesture which is part of the Katanga Government's efforts to achieve a fait accompli.

JULY 19: A threat by M. Patrice Lumumba, the Prime Minister of Congo, to call in Soviet forces unless the United Nations made the Belgians withdraw by today was rejected yesterday by Dr Ralph Bunche, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, according to usually reliable sources in Leopoldville. He is said to have told the Congolese Deputy Premier, M. Antoine Gizenga, that the United Nations was "not in the habit of accepting ultimatums."

Later the Congolese Senate unanimously passed a resolution "rejecting energetically any eventual intervention by the Soviet Union in Congolese internal affairs."

DR HASTINGS BANDA, president of the Malawi Congress Party, said yesterday on his arrival in London for the Nyasaland constitutional conference which opens on July 25, that an independent Nyasaland could not repeat the Congo troubles because nobody there could contest his leadership.

"What I say goes," he said. "I am the boss." He could frighten the people by a threat to resign. M. Lumumba, he thought, was "a victim of circumstances created by the Belgian policy of political repression in favour of economic liberalism."

Dunts in the dumps

"OUR determination to stop this Dounreay project is absolute. The fishermen are convinced they can take on the Government and win."

Mrs Frances McKie is a member of The Dunters, an Orkney environmental group named after a duck. In local dialect "dunt" means to push, and her bold words might seem foolhardy had not the Orcadians brought irresistible force to bear on a 1977 proposal to mine uranium in the islands. They won.

Now they face a government-approved plan to transform Dounreay on the Scottish coast, which has been a centre of nuclear research and safety for the past 30 years, into a reprocessing plant.

"We believe that Windscale has a limited life, and that Dounreay has been picked as a possible new Windscale, a centre for European reprocessing, storage and dumping. It would close a cycle which commits the entire EEC to a plutonium economy, blocking out laser and solar alternatives. For the first step to be the subject of a local inquiry is just crazy."

Mrs McKie (33) is married to a marine pilot who works for the oil industry on Flotta, one of the 100-island Orkney group, 30 miles from the mainland.

The islanders are particularly peeved because two years ago they drew up an investment programme to develop a special food industry based on their reputation for producing fine seafood, beef, cheese and whisky. As a precaution they conducted a local survey of radiation levels.

"We served warning that the community wouldn't tolerate any additions. The survey showed up deposits from Dounreay, which made us think they have not been telling the truth about their safety record. Within a week of taking samples, Dounreay made a press statement that they had started to find radioactivity on Thurso and Dounreay beaches.

The Dunters are now virtually subsumed into a new movement, the Campaign Against Dounreay Expansion, comprising groups in the north of Scotland and Northern Ireland. They are demanding a wide-ranging public inquiry.

Who holds the cards in mystery of the tarot?

IT WAS 11 am and the coffee already stated like Nitromors. Not a client in sight. I had slit the mail to see if any dirt fell out and had spiked the usual demands. I was studying this pic of a tattoo-parlour broad, with bazooms like she was shot in the back with rockets, when a till bell rang in what remained of my cerebellum.

It shrilled Amanda Lear, who had just slipped her London moorings and was headed back to Europe after giving me the works on her 15-year relationship with Salvador Dali (see last week's cold potatoes). The clue was in something I had just read. It was the advance bumph on a Rainbird book called Salvador Dali's Tarot, a commentary by Rachel Pollack on a set of tarot cards designed by the surrealist fruitcake.

The bell rang louder, kicking a few more brain cells into gear. I recalled that in her book My Life With Dali, Amanda Lear says Dali was commissioned by producer Cubby Broccoli to design a tarot set for the James Bond film, Live And Let Die. The idea was that the set would later be marketed.

"This was exactly the kind of project that bored Dali rigid," she writes. "He asked me to do it for him, and I had a wonderful time researching it. I...began to cut out pictures of Dali's works from the books he had in the house. From these I tried to make up the tarot characters. It took me several days but I finished the job in the end."

According to Lear, Broccoli gave the bum's rush to Dali's exorbitant price-tag and stuck grimly to his decision when, at Dali's urging, she subsequently made a new pitch at his London office. "Later on, Dali naturally succeeded in selling the tarot cards in New York. You either have a business sense or you don't."

Tasty. Could Salvador Dali's Tarot prove to be Amanda Lear's *schtick?* The circumstantial evidence, as we say in the trade, was there in Rainbird's blurb. This stated that the tarot cards were "the only set to have been painted by a great artist." Ergo the only set attributed to Dali. And Dali had sold Amanda Lear's set under his own name in New York

Rainbird's publishing director, Maxim Jakubowski, sounded like he was swallowing a chilli when I rang him. "Before we parted with the money we went to great lengths to establish as thoroughly as possible the authenticity of the cards," he said. "We have been given a number of certificates of authentication."

He had acquired reproduction rights from the Spanish owners of the artwork, he said. He described the 78 cards as collages — cut-outs which included figures by such artists as Goya and Delacroix, adapted in the Dali style. He had then commissioned a commentary from

One of the set from the cover of Rainbird's book

the tarot expert Rachel Pollack, who had never met Dali. He suggested we could split the wood from the pith if the date of Amanda Lear's scissor-job could be nailed down.

Cherchez la femme. If you can. I dissolved a layer of tooth enamel tracing a bemused Amanda Lear to the Hotel de la Ville in Rome. "So far as I know he only made one set, which is the one I made," she said. She had not used works by Goya, Delacroix or other artists. "But I only did the major Arcana, about 12 figures. Maybe they added some more. Dali things are so dodgy.

"Dali had no idea about tarot cards. I went out and bought a set. He gave me a book of his paintings and I cut out some of his figures and glued it all together like a puzzle. Basically I was having fun. Once it was finished Dali did a couple of brushstrokes here and there."

She put the date at 1973 or 1974. Back to Maxim Jakubowski, who admitted this tied in with his information. He then revealed that the original cards are owned and held by a New York bank, and that he had purchased reproduction rights from the Distribucionese D'Art Surrealisteas, which has offices in Barcelona and at the Dali Museum in Figueras, the artist's Spanish birthplace.

He said Rainbird's reproductions were taken from copies marketed by the Spanish firm at £45 a set. The firm had specified that Rainbird must provide the museum with 200 copies of the book from each of the four countries in which it is being printed.

He had been assured that Dali's wife, Gala, had nurtured her husband's interest in mysticism, and that it was for her that the cards had been painted. "We are quite satisfied that they are the work of Dali," he said.

He seemed to be taking it well, the way some guys do after they've been mugged. Rainbird plans to push the boat out with a launch party at the end of next month. (It is published on August 18, £8.95). The book is oversubscribed by 25 per cent on its print run. Jakubowski wrily acknowledged the irony of the situation: he was a founder of Virgin Books, the publisher of Amanda Lear's memoirs. Some custard pies always return home.

The two main witnesses were out of the running. Gala died in 1982 and Dali is reported to be fenced in by minders with a tube down his throat. There was no choice but to go back to the dish who once claimed she was a fella.

Amanda Lear can demarterialise like a UFO and it was another day before she could be reached at her home near Marseilles. By then I had a copy of the Rainbird book. She confirmed that while Dali had an aversion to horoscopes, he had indulged his old lady's enthusiasm for tarot cards and declared her to be a dab hand.

LEAR — a cut and paste job on behalf of the master Picture by Garry Weaser

Lear firmly declined my offer to describe the cards over the phone. It was too haphazard, she said, citing the minefield of litigation that surrounds Dali's work. She could only know when the book was in her hands. "We must tread carefully," she cautioned huskily.

Only the question of who was picking up the bill for this case stopped me scrambling on to a plane. I contacted a pal of Amanda Lear's who was flying out to see her last night. The book will be in Lear's hands today, and I expect a call any moment.

Interested parties can consult me for my normal fee. Plus expenses.

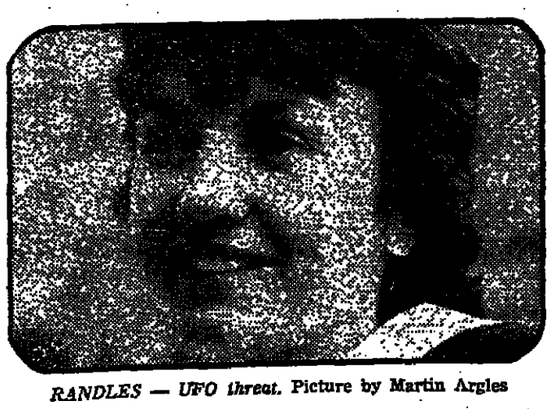
Goodbye to little green men... ...hello gushype

YOU ARE driving with friends in the country when you spot a strange object in the sky. It seems to come closer, then vanishes. Then you find yourself in a semi-dreamlike stage, further along your journey but on an unfamiliar road. Your shoes are unaccountably scuffed, you body hurts, and two hours have sped by.

Later, under hypnosis, you recall the incident. You find yourself on board an unidentified flying object being medically examined by small, robot-like beings with the aid of a large, eye-shaped device. A tall, humanoid creature oversees them. Telepathically, you answer their questions and to your surprise they answer yours. After a hazy period you are back in your car.

This a a fictional model of the rarest type of UFO experience, representing a fraction of the few "alien contact" incidents reported each year. Yet, according to Jenny Randles, national director of investigations at the British UFO Research Association, it is constructed from the common features found in hundreds of accounts in the UFO literature.

In her view, this is a close encounter of the fourth kind, fitting neither the prevalent atmospheric phenomenon (90-95 per cent) nor the typical UFO encounter (2-3 per cent). She believes this sort of case to be the province of psychologists and sociologists, reflecting the conclusion in Science and the UFOs, which she has written with Peter Warrington, that if Ufo-ology is left in the hands of non-scientists it will never escape the little green men.



RANDLES — UFO threat. Picture by Martin Argles

Little green men are no longer runners. She says that no convincing photographs have been produced of aliens or UFOs on the gound, whereas atmospheric phenomena frequently mistaken for UFOs do show up on radar and film. This is as disappointing as the conclusion by the president of the Ghost Club that ghosts may be the product of the collective unconscious.

She does not go as far as Carl Jung, whose book Flying Saucers (1959) suggests that UFOs may be psychic projections which throw back a radar echo. But she is keen that scientists study the possibility that the proximity of UAPs (unidentified atmospheric phenomena) exerts a "mind-scrambling" effect on the brain, releasing hallucinations deep in the human psyche.

Many of the cases she deals with involve as many as five witnesses, and she admits that five-person hallucinations are virtually unhear of. Investigating psychologists have found no pattern of abnormality. "However the alien contact experience is subjective and can be real to one group of people, but a group over the road may have seen nothing," she says. She also suspects a form of "witness selectivity" at work.

She insists that BURA does not run away from little green men. In fact she has spent 4½ years challenging her own scepticism by investigating the bizarre UFO case near a US military base at Rendlesham Forest in 1980, when a "small triangular craft spewing fire" was seen by several witnesses.

Through the US Freedom of Information Act she obtained an MoD document describing the incident as a UFO encounter, and a tape made by US personnel on the spot. She suspects this is misinformation to disguise the testing of a secret military device.

"An MoD scientist told me recently 'You are messing with something so serious you could end up at the bottom of the Thames.' I want to keep pursuing it to the bitter end."

Science and the UFOs is published this week by Basil Blackwell, £12.50.

People is written by Stuart Wavell

GROUND Saucer Watch, the American UFO group, should really investigate Carol Hill, who claims that her sexy bestseller about sub-particle physics shot into her noddle like radio waves from outer space.

"Unbelievable!" she recently told the Washington Post. "Like the story's coming from outside. Maybe it is. Maybe this sounds crazy. I believe in an enormous positive energy available to us."

Her book, unpromisingly titled The Eleven Million Mile High Dancer, is enormously and positively enhancing her bank balance. It is said to combine funk, fantasy, physics and feminism. The film rights have been sold, and both Kate Capshaw and Jessica Lange allegedly want to play Amanda, "the ulitmate space-age romantic heroine" who wears skates and shorts.

Sadly Carol Hill (43) cannot skate, but is said to wear space-age earrings. Whereas Amanda has goddess proportions.

"Amanda is not me," she says. "I wish she were me. She's so strong and inspiring. Something's wonderful about her. She's the woman we'd all like to be. She makes me feel it's terrific to be a woman."

We are witnessing an easily explained phenomena here, gushype.

BIRTHDAYS

TODAY: **Derek Brewer**, master, *Emmanuel College, Cambridge*, and professor of English, 62; **Jeffery Daniels**, director, Geffrye Museum, London, 53; **Mostyn Evans**, recently retired secretary, the Transport and General Workers' Union, 60; **Harrison Ford**, actor, 43; **Roger McGuinn**, singer, founder, the Byrds, 43; **David Storey**, novelist, playwright, 52.

TOMORROW: **Ingmar Bergman**, film producer, 67; **Gerald Ford**, former President of the United States, 72; **Leon Garfield**, author, 64; **Sue Lawley**, television journalist, 39; **Sir William Rees-Mogg**, chairman, Arts Council, vice-chairman, BBC, 57;

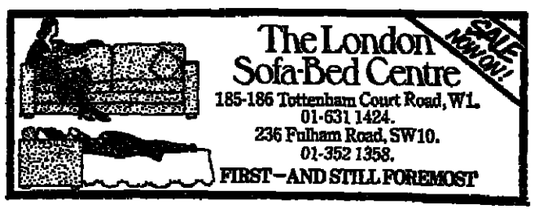
MONDAY: **Julian Bream**, guitarist, 52; **Lord Buxton**, naturalist, a founding director of Anglia TV, 67; **Carmen Callil**, feminist publisher founder of Virago, 47; **Robert Conquest**, author, 68; **Michael Elliott**, general administrator, National Theatre, 49; **Hammond Innes**, novelist, 72; **Sir Larry Lamb**, editor, the Daily Express, 56; **Iris Murdoch**, philosopher, novelist, 66; **Linda Ronstadt**, singer, actress, 39.

TUESDAY: **Anita Brookner**, professor at the Courtauld, Booker winner, 47; **Lorraine Chase**, model, actress, 34; **Margaret Court**, former Wimbledon champion, 43; **Ginger Rogers**, dancer and actress, 74; **Tom Rosenthal**, publisher, 50; **Barbara Stanwyck**, actress, 78; **Pinchas Zukerman**, violinist, 37.

WEDNESDAY: **Hardy Amies**, dressmaker, 76; **Tim Brooke-Taylor**, comedian, 45; **James Cagney**, actor, 86; **Diahann Carroll**, actress, singer, 50; **Phyllis Diller**, comedienne, 68; **Ray Galton**, author, scriptwriter, 55; **Elizabeth Quinn**, actress, 37; **Wayne Sleep**, dancer, 37; **Donald Sutherland**, actor, 51;

THURSDAY: **Brian Auger**, jazz, blues, rock organist, 46; **Kenneth Armitage**, sculptor, 69; **Edward Bond**, playwright, 51; **Richard Branson**, of Virgin Records and Virgin Atlantic, 35; **Dave Cash**, disc presenter, 43; **Nick Faldo**, golfer, 28; Senator **John Glenn**, former astronaut, 64; **Andrei Gromyko**, President of the Soviet Union, 76; **David Hemery**, former Olympic hurdler, 41; **Elizabeth Jennings**, author, poet, 59; **Dennis Lillee**, cricketer, 36; **Robert McGrath**, Irish rugby international, 34; **Richard Pasco**, actor, 59; **Hugh Stephenson**, editor, New Statesman, 47.

FRIDAY: **John Brathy**, painter, 57; **Simon Cadell**, actor, 35; **Cameron Cochrane**, headmaster, *Fettes College, Edinburgh*, 52; **Hubert Gregg**, actor, composer, lyricist, 69; **George Hamilton IV**, country singer, 48; **Louis Kentner**, pianist, composer, 80; **Ilie Nastase**, tennis player, 39; **Gena Rowlands**, actress, 49.



A day for the maximum decibels

Today's televised 16-hour assault on eardrums across the globe from Wembley and Philadelphia is not only unquestionably well meant and well timed but also highly appropriate for its decibel level. Much of Africa is starving. In a world increasingly equipped with instant means of communicating information, propaganda and entertainment it becomes harder and harder to get attention and well nigh impossible to keep it, as any terrorist could confirm. By showing heartbreaking film of the starving, television managed to stir the compassion of governments and private individuals *sufficiently to provoke the donation of* many millions for relief over an unusually long period. But the attention wanders, even from a massive *disaster which threatens 150 million people in 24* countries, and which can be staved off only by a prolonged and sustained aid programme. Other millions of people round the world will find it difficult not to notice today's unprecedented telethon, and with luck it will cause another tidal wave of generosity.

But the hunger which immediately menaces half the continent is only one aspect, albeit the most obviously horrific, of Africa's multiple crises, which has become a gigantic vicious circle. As we reported on Thursday, relief workers are becoming increasingly angry and frustrated because aid which is in any case inadequate is also held up by logistical problems. Bad roads, too few trucks, disintegrating railways, crumbling bridges, choked ports and a shortage of aircraft are just some of the difficulties between the starving and the food which could save them. Complacency before the crisis came to a head in several countries simultaneously and bureaucracy, dogmatism and inefficiency afterwards have not helped either. Yet alongside our report on the anger of the aid organisations we described Africa's burgeoning external debt which now amounts to about £120 billion. Just servic*ing this debt takes more than a quarter of the* affected countries' export earnings and the amount owed is more than half of their combined GNPs.

The relevant governments must buy food on the world markets to supplement the gifts and the drought-stricken crops, and too many of them spend too much on arms. What with that and the debt, it is hardly surprising that there is no money for the infrastructure, let alone the kind of investment that might salvage economies crippled by a world recession and a long catalogue of policy errors, including the disastrous neglect of basic agriculture. Most of the money is owed to western Europe, which means it is in our interest as well as theirs to help dismantle the *mountain of debt before it collapses on debtors and* creditors alike. Rescheduling has been tried and is obviously nowhere near enough. Some of the debt will *have to be written off* because it manifestly cannot be repaid in the foreseeable future; there may well have to be a moratorium on repayments in many cases; loans could be turned into grants; and at the same time new money will have to be found for a long-term agricultural regeneration so that a continent will at least be able to feed itself again one day. The scale of the problem defies the imagination and is one of the greatest challenges to humanity. Even so we believe that goodwill on our side and the new resolve in Africa which is beginning to emerge can do it. *Difficult though it may be, meanwhile, to equate* today's music with the food of love, we hope it will produce real food on a scale to matchthe noise.

Round and round the rugged rocks

Megaphone diplomacy rarely gets anyone anywhere: and nor, alas, does the associated diplomacy *of unilateral gestures. Earlier this week Britain lifted* its ban on Argentine imports and, in a self-consciously earnest pose, waited for some completely voluntary reciprocation from Buenos Aires. None came. Instead, Mr Dante Caputo, the Argentine Foreign Minister, proposed some talks where the sovereignty of the Falklands, among other things, would nestle on the agenda. Yesterday Sir Geoffrey Howe was very, very disappointed indeed. But not surprised. For nothing surprising had happened. Britain's Foreign Secretary has spent his week in Brazil. The Brazilians are one important hinge in Anglo-Argentine relations. Sir Geoffrey wished, therefore, to have something reasonable to say and do on his trip. So he dealt in gestures. *Unhappily, gestures won't shift a* situation which, has become set in concrete as solid as the new runway that serves Port Stanley.

There have been moments in recent years when a rational and enduringly peaceful solution to the Falklands problem might have been secured. One — pre-invasion — was the Ridley negotiated (and Thatcher backed) formula which the House of Commons kicked out. Another came in Switzerland in 1984 as talks were set up, and then junked again amid much misunderstanding. The problem now is that those *moments have passed and that there is no pressure* on Buenos Aires to seek a fresh opportunity. Senior Alfonsin isn't a democratic new boy any longer. And he has a massive economic *crisis on his hands*: one that he will either crack or be cracked by. In that struggle — all-absorbing — the Falklands are an irrelevant sideshow. Why bother about them? Why take the slightest risk with a peripheral issue of high and futile emotion? Why let pride — and military prowess — into the act?

Mr Alfonsin and Mr Caputo have no remote thoughts of a further invasion. They want to keep their dangerous generals on the sidelines. If someone offered them a decent deal which lanced the boil of Falklands sovereignty painlessly, and far into the future, they are statesmen enough to take the chance: and, in practical terms, everyone involved would save a great deal of cash and heartache. But they have nothing to gain by rushing. There is a little trade, in prospect, to be sure: a few direct airline flights: a fishing agreement. But tiddler stuff besides the whale of a crisis that could swallow them if they abandon Argentina's long-standing territorial *claim. And meanwhile such pressure as exists is all* on Britain.

We built the runway: now we have to guard it. That is all money, hundreds of millions year after year. And none of our allies thinks the impasse sensible. Not France or Germany or Italy. Not — for *some crucial point in the future* — the United States. Whenever the United Nations debates the matter, we're left in glum, defiant isolation. And one day, *some day, another British government is going to find* the long, boring game entirely unworth the candle.

It is a terrible pity because it is a terrible waste *of time and money which* — analytically — permits of no happy resolution. Because, too, Mr Alfonsin may be the most promising, reasonable show in Argentina *for decades to come. Pity or no, though, we have a* stagnant balance where meaningless gestures come to supplant proper diplomacy. We are stuck with sitting this one out: a policy of the inevitable but not, alas, a policy which any of the sitters really thinks will triumph in the end.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Twisting the immigration rules

Sir, — Your report (July 11) of Home Office proposals to change the immigration rules fails to make clear just how outrageous the proposals are.

The Government is introducing new rules because the European Court of Human Rights found that the present rules discriminate against women. The *judgment* requires the British Government to give women the same rights to marry a foreigner that men currently enjoy.

The new rules will not do this. They will also breach the European Convention in two other ways: they are racially discriminatory; and *they will deprive thousands* of British Asian women and some Asian men of the right to live with their spouses in their own country. This breaches the article of the convention which provides a *right to family life.*

Currently men are free to bring a fiancee from abroad without restriction, whether they are British citizens or are simply settled in the UK. Women are treated very dif*ferently. They can be joined* by their fiances only if they are British citizens. The man must first obtain an entry certificate, which entails a 12-month wait in the Indian subcontinent; and he will be *given settlement 12 months* after the couple marry.

The really oppressive provision of the current rules, however, is that a man applying to join a woman is assumed to be marrying in *order to live in the UK un*less he can prove otherwise. This is an impossible hurdle. In practice it excludes men from poor backgrounds and less developed countries.

Entry certificate officers never assume an American or Canadian is marrying in order to live in the UK. But they are convinced that most *applicants from India*, Pakistan, and Bangladesh are doing so.

The rule gives them the power to exclude whomever they like. The test is entirely subjective and is causing enormous suffering to British Asian women. It also hurts white women who marry black men, and it *tends to affect Turkish and* Moroccan women.

The rule is being applied quite viciously. Even when the couple marry abroad and a child has been born, the husband is often excluded. *There are about 12 women* living in my constituency, and undoubtedly hundreds in the country, who are married with children but whose husbands have been excluded under the rule. In many cases the father has never seen his child.

When representations are made to the responsible minister, Mr David Waddington, he makes it clear that he accepts that the marriages are genuine, that the couple intend to live together for the rest of their life, and that the child is born of the marriage.

Nevertheless he refuses to *allow the husband to join his* wife and child. He always ends by saying that if the woman is unhappy she should go and live with her husband abroad.

Most of the women concerned were born in Britain. Their families live in Britain. They are British, but because they are Asian, the *minister thinks they should* leave their country and family. He would not dare to require this of white, middle-class women.

The Government says it intends to comply with the *European Court ruling* by reducing the rights of men rather than improving the rights of women. The Home Office has found a perfect rule for its purposes. In theory, black and white people are treated alike. In practice the rule excludes black and Asian fiance(e)s but not white ones.

However the Government faces some complications. The 1971 Immigration Act provides that men who settled in Britain before 1973 are free to be joined by their wives and children. It cannot therefore apply the new rules to men settled or born before 1973 without amending the Act. This provision protects almost all men of marriageable age.

The Government will not dare to face the uproar such an amendment would cause.

I'm sure the Government is aware the new rules breach the convention, but it takes four years to take a case to the court, which will see it through the next election. The Government's claim to respect the rule of law is thus exposed as bogus. And its claim to respect family life clearly does not extend to Britain's Asian community.

These rules represent another sordid chapter in the development of British immigration law. New immigrant workers are no longer coming to Britain, *but because* racist forces are obsessed with immigration, they have to be appeased.

Britain's black community faces humiliation and deprivation of human rights when it seeks to invite visitors from abroad, care for their aged parents, or marry a person from overseas.

We should all be deeply ashamed of what is beinb done in our name. The Government said in its submission to the European Court that strict controls were necessary to maintain public tranquility. We should all understand what that is intended to mean.—Yours faithfully,

Clare Short, MP.
(Lab., Ladywood; Chairwoman, All-Party Group on Race Relations),
House of Commons.

The minister of myths about the National Health Service

Sir, — Many of your readers will have noticed with sadness, tinged with irony, that Kenneth Clarke's letter (July 11) on *health service* finance would have been written on the same day that you exposed the reality — in reporting Mr Clarke's planned enforcement of major cuts in Lambeth *health district.*

He is threatening to dismiss DHA members who are trying to defend standards of patient care for which they — and he — are responsible. Nor, of course, is Lambeth *unique*; in my own district the DHA has shed 100 jobs in an attempt to reduce "overspending" — or underfunding — and will have to defer almost all of its development plan, including a geriatric day unit, because of Mr Clarke's refusal to fund more than half of the recent pay awards to nurses and doctors. Most health authorities will have to take similar actions.

Mr Clarke claims that the NHS is treating more people. Like most statistics emanating from the Elephant and *Castle, this is a myth.*

Many patients, particularly the mentally ill and elderly, are readmitted many times, having been discharged not because they are well enough to remain in the community, *but to make room for others* who are worse. Mr Clarke's figures refer to numbers of admissions, not individuals. Community care, when *it is* available, is labour-intensive and therefore expensive; often it is a euphemism for care by hard-pressed and unsupported neighbours or relatives.

Some of Mr Clarke's colleagues and, sadly, some of his supporters installed in health authorities peddle the line that "no more money is available." This is another myth.

Last week I was privileged to attend the fifth Congress of International *Physicians for Prevention* of Nuclear War. We were informed that the world now spends $250,000 every *second* on arms, while in the same time 250,000 children die and the same *number become disabled* from treatable illness.

This Government contributes £18,000 million to the arms wastebin.

The Government is starting its annual public spend*ing review*: perhaps Mr Clarke will start by asking his MoD colleagues to forgo the Trident missile system. — Yours sincerely,

D. J. Holdstock MD FRCP,
Ashford Hospital,
Middlesex.

Sir,—The Minister of Health, Kenneth Clarke, claims that the increase in the number of hospital in-patients (12 per cent) and of out-patient attendances (8 per cent) proves that more people are being treated by the NHS now than in 1978.

However the figures relate only to "discharges and deaths," and take no account of the fact that many patients are recorded more than once: for example, as in-patients at a specialist hospital followed by post-operative care at a local hospital, and perhaps several out-patient attendances. Evidence from obstetric cases where the number of persons is actually known, shows that there is a marked trend towards more frequent attendance but shorter length of stay.

What we are witnessing is a change in management practice in order to use fewer beds more intensively, with perhaps some increase in the number of sick people related to the increasing numbers of the elderly.

With waiting lists as long as in 1978, if Mr Clarke does not accept the above explanation, he is claiming that sickness is increasing. The Korner Committee recommended changes in the way NHS data are recorded so that more relevant statistics could be produced. Until such changes are made, we must interpret the data with great care.—Yours faithfully,

G.J.S. Ross.
21 Connaught Road,
Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Sir,—Kenneth Clarke can *argue until he is blue in the* face about the amount of money his Government has put into the NHS, but seeing is believing.

In a geriatric ward not 10 miles from Mr Clarke's constituency, I have watched the staff walk round a ward of helpless, elderly patients deciding which one to discharge in order to admit someone in an even graver condition.

In the 18 months during which I visited the hospital almost daily it lost its student nurses, the nursing staff was reduced by an alarming extent, and those who remained were deprived of their much deserved "unsocial" payments.

What a way to run a National Health Service when the minister hides behind a smokescreen of accounting "jargon" and seems to regard the sick as mere figures on a profit-and-loss account. The only thing that appears to stir Mr Clarke into action is a byelection in a marginal *seat.—Yours sincerely,*

Sylvia Parsons.
15 Monsell Drive,
Red Hill, Nottingham.

Islands under the US yoke

Sir,—In the wake of the tragedy that struck the *Greenpeace ship Rainbow* Warrior in New Zealand and on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the first nuclear test by the United States in Alamogordo, New Mexico, I wish to add my voice to the *growing protest against* the wholesale military and nuclear colonisation of large areas of the Pacific islands, and their peoples, by the superpowers.

The fate of the people on Marshall Islands, which have been used as a nuclear testing area by the United States since 1947, was brought to the public's attention when Greenpeace recently moved them to an uncontaminated island 100 miles away. The French use of Moruroa for nuclear testing, with 41 atmospheric tests up to 1974 and 60 *underground tests since then*, is well-known.

In the islands of the Republic of Belau, which has been a UN strategic trust territory under US administration for 37 years, the government has been forced to conduct five plebescites since 1979 under US pressure to secure a "compact of free association" a military, economic, and political treaty giving the US full military rights to Belau for 50 years in exchange for 15 years of economic aid. The treaty severely curtails Belauns' civil rights, and allows the US to bring in nuclear weapons without any environmental protection.

The most recent efforts at colonisation are taking place on Easter Island off the coast of Chile, where the US *is establishing a military* landing base for space shuttles, designed for military reconnaissance and the development of Star Wars technology.

Such appropriation of land, of peoples, of their culture — involving actions that have in many instances *caused radiation sickness*, burns, and contamination of water and food supplies — can no longer be tolerated. It is being done in our names, and it must be stopped. We would not wish *it to be done to us.—Yours* sincerely,

Suzanne Cooper.
5 Lawrence Road,
Pinner, Middlesex.

Miscellany at large

Sir,—What mystifies me is why Ron Skywalker should imagine the IRA possibly needs support from Nicaragua when one considers how much it gets from the United States.—Yours faithfully,

Bernard Mendoza.
Chester.

Sir,—Presumably the next gesture of goodwill to Argentina will be the resumption of arms sales — battle proven, of course.—Yours *in* peace,

Graham Davey.
Bristol.

Sir, — May I put in a plea for the impecunious deaf? Could not BBC-TV consider adopting the American system of showing the point by point tennis score?

E. G. Boyes.
Swindon, Wiltshire.

Sir, — My husband and I both decided recently to stop smoking cigarettes, and to take up pipe smoking and the occasional cigar.

But my boss absolutely refuses to allow me to smoke *a pipe in the office*, and I have been told by two pub landlords, one restaurateur, and one night club steward that it is not allowed. I have even been accused of being a lesbian.

Of course, my husband has not encountered any criticism.

(Mrs) J. Stoddart.
Manchester.

Sir,—Until now I have not written a letter *to the* Guardian, but like Tony Brooks (July 10) I, too, have received a copy of the English National Party's newsletter. I am not involved in politics; I edit a self-help *newsletter for women with* menstrual problems and the premenstrual syndrome.—Yours sincerely,

Pat Britten.
London W2.

How the Chancellor's cookie crumbles

Sir,—The first step the Conservative Party took on obtaining office in 1979 was to put up *interest rates*. It was the high interest rates offered by this country, resulting in an overvaluation of the pound by up to 40 per cent, which caused our present slump and massive redundancies. It was that overvaluation which priced British workers out of jobs, and not the activities of the Trade Union Movement.

Today we find the country in an even more parlous position. Real interest rates net of inflation are over more than 6 per cent.

Mrs Thatcher is always talking about Victorian values. Victorian values involved real interest rates of 2.5 per cent. In the 1930s Britain came out of a similar slump by having real interest rates of 3 per cent which gave rise to an enormous house-building programme and the creation of more than one million jobs in less than two years.

The Chancellor claims that high interest rates are necessary to keep down inflation. He *supports this approach* by reference to monetary aggregates

Monetary aggregates have been shown to be very fickle measures of inflationary pressure. But what has clearly been shown is that high interest rates increase the monetary aggregates through the flood of hot money pouring into this country. Thus to argue that Sterling M3 is above its target range and therefore interest rates should be high, when in fact they push up Sterling M3, is *intellectual confusion of the* worst kind.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer should recognise that high interest rates put up inflation rather than reduce it.

At the turn of this year sterling was overvalued by more than 10 per cent compared with foreign currencies other than the dollar, which suffers even more from overvaluation than we do. Since then high interest rates have pushed up the value of sterling by more than 10 per cent against the mark, the yen and other competing currencies. That means we tax our exports by 20 per cent and subsidise foreign imports to this country by 20 per cent.

The Conservative Government's high interest rate policy has been the gravest attack upon the wealth and industry of this country that we have seen since the South Sea bubble. A government that is committed to a policy that fails to reduce inflation except at the cost of destroying our own industry, is clearly incapable of resolving our economic problems.

The sooner it goes the better.—Yours faithfully,

Roy A. Grantham.
(General Secretary),
Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff,
London SW19.

Slur on South African justice

Sir, — Dan van der Vat (Guardian, July 10) "dismisses" the treason charges against the South African UDF leaders.

He unquestionably knows a *lot about the Southern Afri*can region, but it is saddening to see that he considers himself so knowledgeable a judge that he need hold no trial, hear no evidence, nor consider any argument by *counsel before, in his wis*dom, dismissing the charges

Yet consider some of his findings: the UDF, he says, shares the ANC's aims "but without using or advocating the violence to which the ANC turned 25 years ago." Who was it then who ravaged the Indian and Coloured parliamentary elections by a physically intimidatory campaign against potential voters as well as candidates to such an extent that many of the latter were unable even to hold election meetings? Who is it who has attacked leaders of rival opposition groups, killing and maiming, and destroying their homes?

The UDF may say officially that it is against violence and, unless or until proved guilty, the accused in the trial are presumed innocent; but there can be no *doubt that the effect* of the UDF's inflammatory rhetoric and the actions of many of its members clearly involves violence.

Mr Van der Vat apparently has information that the *South African authorities* are putting these men on trial only to "tie them up," not to secure a conviction. If so, this is a strange state of affairs since it was the attorney-general, not the executive, who decided to prosecute.

Mr Van der Vat says the trial is "hopelessly mis*timed." This may or may not* be so from a political point of view but if it is, it only strengthens the point that the decision to prosecute was taken on legal grounds by legal officers and not on po*litical grounds* by politicians.

For the same reason it is disappointing to see a man of Mr Van der Vat's calibre smearing a regular judicial process with cliches like "show trial" and "trumped-up charges." Such wild allegations are a slur on the integrity and independence of the South *African judicial* process

Mr Van der Vat says President Botha should be talking to the accused; that they should not be facing criminal charges instead. Is Mr Van *der Vat suggesting that one* should be able to break the law with impunity if one enjoys a certain political status?

It should be noted that not only are the accused being *charged by due process of* law, but they are also being charged under the Roman-Dutch common law, strongly *influenced* by British law — not in terms of any statute passed by the present or any *previous government. Thus* the case will be tested against standards developed over the centuries by some of the world's most advanced legal systems.

R. W. Darroll.
South African Embassy,
London WC2.

Own goal the Government scored in the House of Lords

*Sir,—I have great admira*tion for your columnist, Hugo Young, and usually agree with his views. However, I must correct him where he says (July 11) that the Liberals and SDP "when *it suits them, are prepared* to break an agreement."

The Alliance was not asked for and did not give any agreement on the time to be allotted to the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol, etc) Bill in the Commons and, even if it had, this *would not* have been binding on colleagues in the House of Lords.

When Lord Harris of Greenwich raised the matter on the floor of the House on July 4, it was clear that there was much support for the view that there should be a more thorough scrutiny in the Lords of a Bill creating new categories of criminal offence. The Government itself had undertaken to bring forward some amendments and Government backbenchers, as well as Alliance peers, have also tabled amendments.

It was therefore in our view quite improper to take the committee and report stages in the same day, thus making it impossible for the Government to think again about amendments proposed in committee.

Everyone is agreed that the Bill should be in the statute book before the commencement of the football season — but not in an unworkable form, or with undesirable powers for the secretary of state to extend its *provisions to any other sport* of his choosing merely by a negative instrument. It is surely one of the main functions of the House of Lords to give proper scrutiny to hastily drafted legislation.—*Yours truly,*

(Lord) Kilmarnock.
(Chief Whip, SDP Peers),
House of Lords.

A COUNTRY DIARY

MACHYNLLETH: It is not every year that oak trees shower us with acorns. They prefer to take it easy for several seasons then suddenly they go berserk and, *come October*, the whole woodland floor is covered with their fruits. Last autumn was such a year, and never in my life have I seen so many acorns germinate as we saw this spring. But the sad fact is that in most woods, no matter how many baby oaks are brought to birth, the sheep soon eat *them. For the hillside oak* woods of Wales, so much a part of the beauty of our valleys, most of them are not really woods at all they are pastures with ancient trees, and must gradually disappear unless big and urgent steps are taken to rehabilitate them. Such steps are now beginning. This year *sees the launching of what* promises to be a great campaign to save our relic oak woods. It is called simply Coed Cymru (Welsh woodlands) and its ambition is to involve everybody possible: farmers, landowners, foresters, conservationists, as well as the general public in a *serious attempt to encourage* and help people to come to the rescue of native woodlands all over Wales. So there are to be exhibitions, meetings, and practical demonstrations of woodland management; a woodland advisory service, promotion of financial assistance; and educational service, involving *courses in agriculture, biology*, geography and local studies; as well as research and planting schemes involving young people. The main sponsor is the Countryside Commission and you can get full information about this excellent project from Ken Brown, The Countryside Commission, 8 Broad Street, Newtown, Powys SY16 2LU. Or Tel. 0686 26799.

WILLIAM CONDRY

How industrial spies will keep the computer police busy

Sir,—The time is drawing near when companies that have to register under the Data Protection Act, 1984, must submit their applications. How many, one wonders, actually appreciate the problems they are about to encounter, or the unusual implications of the Act?

Do they know that the Act obliges them to ensure that "appropriate security measures shall be taken against unauthorised access to, or alteration, disclosure or de*struction of, personal data* and against accidental loss or destruction of personal data"? Section 20 (1) reads: "Where an offence under this Act has been committed by a body corporate . . . or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or similar officer . . . be as well as the body corporate shall be guilty of that offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly."

This means that if you have not taken adequate precautions to prevent anyone *not authorised* from obtaining/destroying personal data from your computer, you are already guilty of an offence. As is the director, manager, secretary, responsible for that data.

Electronic surveillance of computers, terminals, minis and microcomputers can be achieved covertly at distances up to 100 metres from the "target" computer screen. Such *eavesdropping*, codenamed "tempest" by the military, has been known about for several years, but *has* been generally kept from the commercial world.

It is now possible for someone to park in the road outside a building and scan it until a particular computer screen is located. Video recordings, on a continuous basis, or as snapshots of the screen can then be taken for later analysis.

It has been estimated that less than 5 per cent of the computers now in service in the commercial sector are secure from surveillance. Enforcing the Act will keep the *police*, the courts, and industrial spies very busy.—Yours faithfully,

D. Shenton.
ICEA Ltd.
Bournemouth, Dorset.

WEEKEND

SPORT

Howell steers his Olympic city home

John Rodda on Birmingham's victory over London and Manchester

DENIS HOWELL, the most convincing political voice of sport in Britain, has won Birmingham the right to put forward a bid for the Olympic Games of 1992. The city, which offers a compact site for many of the sports, now has until October 1986 to win a majority of the votes among the 92 members of the International Olympic Committee against the substantial rival claims of Barcelona, Paris, Brisbane, Amsterdam and the outsiders, New Delhi and Belgrade.

After considering the question yesterday for several hours, listening to each candidate city, asking questions and then deciding whether the winning candidate should go forward, the international sporting politics of the matter were wholly ignored. The BOA members considered only the facilities that were proposed, and on that evidence Birmingham were runaway winners with 25 votes. Manchester had five and London, twice previously host city to the Games, won only two of the votes.

Howell, a former Minister of Sport, was known to all the members of the BOA, who over the years have much admired his contribution to their cause both individually and collectively. He was by far the most experienced sporting spokesman put forward by the three cities.

He had a strong case to argue, with nine of the Olympic sports capable of being housed within the National Exhibition Centre complex, and another stadium to be built which would also be turned over to an exhibition site after the Games.

Howell believes that he can lead a successful campaign, against the odds to the IOC. He is well versed in international sporting politics and was on the short list of Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president in 1981, to become a member of the IOC.

Howell could not conceal his surprise at the size of the Birmingham victory, but in the context of the facilities offered they were clearly the best. "We are like Lester Piggott going round Tattenham Corner — the others are spread all over the course, but falling apart, and we are coming through," he said, giving a hint that the President of the IOC's part in Madame Monique Berlioux's recent departure as director of the Olympic Movement is clearly going to help the Birmingham cause.

In fact the decision should cause the French to split a few bottles of champagne; they will be pleased that the anti-Barcelona vote and the anti-Latin vote will now not be split between Paris and London.

"We want to give the Games back to the athletes and rekindle the Olympic spirit. The true purpose of the Olympic Movement should be to override all the divisions of mankind and to unite the competitors," said Mr Howell. As he well knows, the athletes have no vote on which site the Games should adopt and, when coming to their decision, IOC members are likely to consider much more than sporting facilities. The Savoy, Dorchester and Ritz Hotels in London are just too far away for the IOC members to commute to Birmingham's compact sporting infrastructure; that factor may turn away much of the support Birmingham now seeks.

In the international sporting world there must now be a wry smile that the BOA has put forward a provincial city against three strong candidates. Some may interpret it as a feeling that Britain does not really want the Games after all.

Howell said that Birmingham will have £1,000 million in sporting infrastructure and because of the existence of the NEC will need only to find £209 million. They expect to make a profit of £350 million. The figures, of course, are based on previous guidelines laid by the IOC for bidding cities. For 1992 the rules will be different; there will be no scope to make the vast profit which the Los Angeles Games achieved.

The next crucial step for Birmingham will begin on Monday, when they must set about raising the necessary funds to mount the bid to the IOC. They will need to bring as many as possible of the IOC members to Britain, and in view of the shortness of time, to attend major sporting events where they are likely to meet IOC members.

They will discover that for the crucial October 1986 period the major hotels of Lausanne, where the IOC will decide the question, are already fully booked. All this will cost about £1.25 million, as Mr Howell said at a press conference when the Birmingham bid was launched. So far they have £250,000, but the suggestion several weeks ago that they would go to the government for such funds has now been replaced by confidence that the private sector will come forward.

Manchester, whose bid was similar to that of Birmingham in that their proposed sites were reasonably close, were disappointed with their five votes; London, with two, were stunned. The capital had mounted a very low key submission, without videos or glossy booklets.

"We clearly could not convince the members that the travelling to be done would be accomplished with ease in 1992. Many of them had spent hours sitting in buses during the Los Angeles Games and clearly thought this would occur again," said Sir Alan Traill, the Lord Mayor of London.

Charles Palmer, chairman of the BOA, confirmed the point. "We were concerned about any bid that required cross city transprt for the majority of competitors — that weighed strongly on our minds," he said.

Matthew Engel reports on the second day of the third Test at Trent Bridge

England fall from their lofty perch

CRICKET

ENGLAND'S assault on a batting Everest floundered somewhere around the South Col yesterday. Six-hundred, said David Gower on Thursday night; 456 all out said the Trent Bridge score board at teatime yesterday. And since the board read Australia 94 for one at the close, a day that had glittered with possibilities for England ended with the draw starting to look a tedious probability.

After two days of the third Test, England still led by 362. One assumes they are already defeat-proof, though England scored 450-plus and lost at Leeds in 1948 and at Melbourne in 1928-29. There can have been very few teams in history who were 358 for two and then lost.

It was an old-fashioned collapse to go with the old-fashioned Nottingham pitch. It seems to me that far too much time in cricket is spent these days watching capable but unexciting later batsmen fiddle about. Tail-enders should be either rumbustious or incompetent, except in the situation of extreme crisis, when they are allowed to be gallant.

There was just a hint of incompetence about the way England contrived to lose their last eight wickets for 98, the middle four of them in 11 deliveries. It was rather startling from a team in which only Sidebottom has not made a Test 50.

But one part of the collapse was quite encouraging for England; Lamb was leg before to a not very full delivery from Lawson that skidded through — the first sign that what one spectator called the "deHadleefied" pitch might be something less than a batsman's friend by the later stages. Lamb, however, may have found it hard to look on the bright side.

So might Gower. For almost two hours, it was hard to see where Australia were ever going to find another wicket. The gates were closed; the weather, though the sun shone only occasionally, was nicely bracing, like Skegness on a good day; and the crowd were all set for the ascent — the Gower 200, the Gatting 100, whatever.

The Australian's afflicted stomachs were better yesterday and their bowling improved steadily throughout the innings, but then it started from a very low base, and by this time Gower and Gatting were entrenched. They began cautiously yesterday — only 23 in the first hour — but saw off the new ball and as Lawson and McDermott tired, Gower began to unleash a selection of These Strokes You Have Loved, mainly off the back foot.

Australia needed a fluke, and they got it. Gower straight-drove Holland, who parried the ball on to the stumps with Gatting, on 74, out of his ground. Curiously, the same thing had almost happened to Gower on Thursday. But he did not have much time left at the crease to think about that. O'Donnell found him undecided and Phillips took the catch. Gower's 166 had taken just over six hours.

He did not even have much chance to savour that. Thirty-five minutes after lunch came Lamb's mishap, and Botham lofted to mid-off next ball. He had made 38 in even time with seven fours and, as ever, no one had dared go to the loo or blink while Botham was batting. But somehow one had sensed that it was not going to be one of the great days and it was not, for Botham or anyone else.

Downton was out fifth ball, for his second successive nought, to a super diving catch from Richie at square leg. "Of all people," said the whole of Australia in unison, since Richie is not famous for such things. Sidebottoms, first Test innings was also brief, and 416 for four had become 419 for eight. There were a few runs left, but not many. Australia were in after tea, and Lawson had found himself with five wickets in a Test innings for the 10th time without ever firing at full pace.

Australia set off in pursuit after tea, with 257 to avoid the follow-on the first priority. That did not look a problem. Hilditch's hook was in better order than it has been (as was his previously dicky stomach). The England attack, with Botham now the undisputed downwind bowler, looked much steadier than Australia's, but a bit toothless.

Perhaps Saturday will again inspire Botham. But it might have been more interesting to see what a really fast bowler would have made of this pitch.

There were a few further signs of uneven bounce towards evening. And, eventually, Allott made the breakthrough, with Hilditch being lbw pushing forward to a ball that would probably have shaved leg stump. By then, Wood, after a run of failures, was starting to look set. After the nightwatchman, Wessels will be in. Englishmen will arrive at the ground this morning with a much more measured tread than today.

● As part of crowd-control measures, players have been asked not to sign autographs while fielding on the boundary during this Test.

THIRD TEST SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND — First Innings
(Overnight: 279 for 2)

D. I. Gower c Phillips b O'Donnell	166
M. W. Gatting run out	74
A. J. Lamb lbw b Lawson	17
I. T. Botham c O'Donnell b McDermott	38
P. R. Downton c Ritchie b McDermott	0
A. Sidebottom c O'Donnell b Lawson	2
J. E. Emburey not out	16
P. H. Edmonds b Holland	12
P. J. W. Allott c Border b Lawson	7
Extras (b 12, w 1, nb 3)	16
Total	456

Fall of wickets continued: 358, 365, 416, 416, 419, 419, 443.

Bowling: Lawson 38.4-10-103-5; McDermott 35-9-147-2; O'Donnell 29-4-104-1; Holland 28-3-90-1.

AUSTRALIA — First Innings

G. M. Wood not out	33
A. J. M. Hilditch lbw b Allott	47
R. G. Holland not out	4
Extras (nb5)	5
Total (for 1)	94

Fall of wicket: 87.

Bowling (to date): Botham 8-1-25-0; Sidebottom 7-1-27-0; Allott 9-2-23-1; Edmonds 10-5-15-0; Emburey 1-0-4-0.

Today: 11.0 to 6.0.

GATTING GOING ... after being run out yesterday. Umpire Constant stays to replace a bail
Picture by Frank Baron

CYCLING

Charles Burgess with the Tour de France

Back seat job for Hinault

Bernard Hinault, the Frenchman who is heading for a record-equalling victory in the Tour de France, reiterated yesterday that next year he would not ride to win but to help the man who is his first lieutenant, and second at the moment, Greg Lemond, of the United States.

The 30-year-old Breton was 40 minutes late for a news conference at his hotel in the Alps above Grenoble on the only rest day, but that did not worry the 150 journalists who turned up. They knew he was the story — even if he had just blown his nose — and would have waited longer, even without the drinks provided by his management and music provided by the tour's official accordionist

Every vantage point was taken as Hinault apologised for his lateness, having been on a 70-kilometre training run. The Japanese television cameraman sitting under the table, with a perfect shot of the back of Hinault's head, did not understand, but that did not matter.

"The decision has already been taken." Hinault, the leader of the team sponsored by La Vie Claire, a health-food chain that have a shop in London, said. "Next year I will not be the captain; I will work for Greg or whoever is the team leader, that is up to them."

PAGE 15—Sherwen's cycle of domestique service.

At the front of the hotel Lemond, the 25-year-old Californian was holding court to a smaller press corps. The former world champion is assured of a grand future, if only because of a million-dollar contract with La Vie Claire.

Lemond is realistic enough to know that unless Hinault, who this year has a 5½-minute lead with a week to go, slows down any possible plan will not work. He said: "If Bernard rides next year as he is doing now it would be ridiculous for him to ride for me."

One of the baffling questions in cycling is when does a team leader cease to be a team leader and, with Lemond and Hinault, this occupies the minds of many. Lemond, ever loyal to the man he regards as his elder brother rather than a close friend, refused to be drawn on whether he would attack and destroy his official boss if it came down to it. "There is no question of that happening because Bernard is so far ahead that no one can catch him."

What, I asked, if Hinault were to collapse on a mountain top. Lemond said: "If there was nothing I could do for him, I would leave him and go on for the good of the team".

Lemond was the second lieutenant to last year's winner, Laurent Fignon, and has since joined Hinault's team. He is still young but cannot for ever wait in other people's shadows.

Still, Hinault, stronger than anyone this year, does not seem to be in any danger and said yesterday that he would be willing to lose time himself, although not the leader's yellow jersey, in order to preserve Lemond in second place. That will make things hard for the men lying in third and fourth place, the Irishmen, Stephen Roche and Sean Kelly.

They know that whenever they consider making an attack Lemond will go with them. If he sits on the back and they have to work too hard they could endanger their position by wearing themselves out.

Paul Fitzpatrick at Gloucester

Graveney's men glowing

THERE can be no doubting now the validity of Gloucestershire's challenge for the Britannic Assurance county championship after this emphatic win by 110 runs over Worcestershire at Tuffley Avenue yesterday.

It was their second victory of the festival, and their sixth in all. They are back on top of the table, and they do not look out of place.

Setting Worcestershire a target of 236 to win in a minimum of 57 overs, Gloucestershire were only into the first of the final 20 overs when the tall Jamaican bowler, Walsh, pinned Radford lbw to complete a win that had always looked likely and a formality once Kapil Dev had departed.

Once again, Gloucestershire's pace attack justified all the complimentary things being said about them. Lawrence bowled really quick for eight overs and removed both Worcestershire openers, forcing Curtis into giving a bat-pad catch to short leg and then ripping out d'Oliveira's off stump when the batsman shaped to pull a delivery not quite short enough or bouncy enough for such treatment.

Graveney had no need to call on Lawrence again. The Gloucestershire captain started to make inroads himself into the Worcestershire middle order when he bowled Dipak Patel round his legs and then the medium-paced Curren played his part by tempting Neale to flick fatally at a leg-side delivery and beating Weston with a ball which must have cut back sharply off the seam. The batsman looked perplexed when he shouldered arms and then saw the ball chip the top of middle stump.

Yesterday's other county games — page 14.

At tea, Worcestershire were 45 for five and the only worry for Gloucestershire was the massive presence of Kapil. It is always fascinating to see the high-quality player rise above the constraints of a difficult pitch and this one had never been easy from the start with its variable, sometimes exceptionally low, bounce.

In the first innings Kapil played what must have been one of the most restrained innings of his adventurous life. His second 50 of the match was much closer to character with the ball struck effortlessly and often to the boundary. That first 50 took 130 balls; this one just 55.

But Gloucestershire were so heavily insured against defeat that they could afford to let him indulge himself and wait for the blunder. It came when he had made 57 and his downfall was curiously tame as he pulled a short delivery from Walsh gently into the hands of Lloyds, just backward of square.

Walsh, bowling with real pace in this spell, had already trapped Rhodes lbw and he finished off the innings in short order by uprooting Illingworth's off stump and beating Radford on the back foot.

● The Gloucester week, which had been in danger because of poor support, has been saved for at least a year. The city council have guaranteed £4,000 backing.

Evening racing

CHESTER

6.30 (7f 22yds): 1, LEMELASOR, D. Williams (6-1); 2, Dominion Princess (12-1); 3, Gaubar (14-1); 4, Young Knight (5-1 fav). 21 ran. (D. H. Jones). Tote: £5.40; £1.50, £3.60, £4.30, £1.50. DF: £42.70. CSF: £80.59. Tricast: £921.92. NR: Mr Rose.

6.55 (5f): 1, PUTUPON, S. Cauthen (6-4 fav); 2, Sound Reason (7-4); 3, Supreme Kingdom (8-1). 10 ran (H. Cecil). Tote: £2.10; £1.20, £1.10, £2.40. Dual F: £1.80. CSF: £4.96.

7.20 (1m): 1, RECORD WING, W. Carson (4-1); 2, Regal Steel (13-8 fav); 3, Care's Gift (9-2). 6 ran (D. H. Jones). Tote: £3.60; £1.30, £1.40. Dual F: £2.80. CSF: £11.20.

7.50 (1½m): 1, TIMID BRIDE, B. Thomson (10-1); 2, Moorland Lady (20-1); 3, Island Set (10-1). Sandruk 4-6 fav. 12 ran (B. Hills). Tote: £12.30; £2.70, £4.20, £1.90. DF: £323.30. CSF: £175.03.

8.20 (6f): 1, HI-HUNSLEY, R. Lines (11-2); 2, Bay Bazaar (7-1); 3, Pappiewick Lady (8-1). Ilios Moor, Be Lyrical 11-4 jt favs. 7 ran. (C. Booth). Tote: £7.10; £1.40, £2.80. DF: £27.60. CSF: £39.02.

8.50 (7f): 1, CHEESE, W. Carson (4-5 fav); 2, Oriental Soldier (2-1); 3, Royal Bulletin (4-1). 5 ran. (W. Hern). Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.30. Dual F: £1.70. CSF: £2.84.

HAMILTON

6.45 (6f): 1, STAMPY RUN, G. Carter (4-1); 2, Sentrym (9-2); 3, Vassa (3-1 fav). 17 ran. (G. Huffer). Tote: £11.20; £2.90, £3.00. DF: £46.80. CSF: £23.13.

7.15 (6f): 1, BUBS BOY, D. Leadbitter (6-1); 2, Pleasant Ways (100-30 fav); 3, King Cain (14-1). 13 ran. (Mrs G. Reveley). Tote: £12.50; £3.60, £1.40, £2.60. DF: £29.70. CSF: £24.54. NR: The Cheltonwell.

7.45 (1m): 1, MOONDAWN, R. Cochrane (9-2); 2, Elisetta (14-1); 3, Son of Rala (7-1). Silver Cannon 5-1 fav. 9 ran. (M. Usher). Tote: £8.40; £2.90, £2.60, £1.90. DF: £36.30. CSF: £175.03.

8.15 (5f): 1, CARPENTERS BOY, D. Leadbitter (5-1); 2, Lady Of Lafiana (5-1); 3, Tradesman (12-1). Celtic Bird 2-1 fav. 7 ran. (Mrs G. Reveley). Tote: £4.20; £4.60, £3.00. Dual F: £15.50. CSF: £27.48. NR: Russian Winter.

8.45 (1m 3f): 1, FOR A LARK, A. McKay (11-4); 2, Tampier Star (9-2); 3, Bussola (50-1). Uncorrected 5-6 fav. 6 ran. (J. Winter). Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £1.10. Dual F: £5.00. CSF: £14.73.

9.15 (1½m): 1, APPLE WINE, D. Nicholls (7-1); 2, Turas Chariot (3-1); 3, Bessieres Boy (11-4 fav). 7 ran. (D. Chapman). Tote: £7.50; £4.60, £1.90. Dual F: £5.50. CSF: £27.73.

SOCCER IN BRIEF

Nicholl's Dell job

SOUTHAMPTON yesterday recruited their second successive manager from Grimsby when Chris Nicholl, the former Saints and Northern Ireland centre-half, was appointed on a three-year contract at the Dell as successor to Lawrie McMenemy.

Nicholl, 38, who started his League career at Halifax has spent the last two years as assistant manager and player at Grimsby, after making 270 appearances for Southampton between 1977 and 1983. He will select his coaching team once he has settled into the job.

One of Nicholl's first tasks will be to try to persuade the England midfield-player David Armstrong to stay at the Dell. The chairman Alan Woodford has already dismissed speculation that goalkeeper Peter Shilton may follow McMenemy to Sunderland.

THE POOLS companies yesterday dismissed newspaper reports that they are threatening to remove Football League clubs from their coupons and cut off financial support. Reports had said the Pools Promoters Association were upset by demands from the football authorities for more money, which it was suggested, would come from a new pools levy board.

But the PPA secretary Roger Calvert said: "We have not considered a levy as a serious possibility, and have certainly made no threats. We make an enormous contribution of £13.5 million annually to football and find it unbelievable that there could be any request for more from the pools."

NICHOLL: Grimsby link

DENNIS MORTIMER has been signed by Brighton. When the 33-year-old midfield player was released by Aston Villa at the end of last season he decided to retire, but Chris Cattlin, Brighton's manager and former team-mate of Mortimer at Coventry, has persuaded him to join the Second Division club.

ALAN DAVIES must decide whether to leave Manchester United for Coventry — as a straight swap for Peter Barnes, who yesterday signed a two-year contract at Old Trafford. United agreed to pay £50,000 for Barnes, but no money will change hands if Davies, a Welsh international agrees to go.

EVERTON, the League champions, are to tour Canada after the relaxation of FIFA's ban on English clubs playing abroad. They meet the Canadian national XI on July 31, followed by at least one further game against Toronto Blizzard.

David Davies at The Belfry

Wary Marsh sees danger in the course

GOLF

All Graham Marsh has to do today is to go out onto the Belfry course, live on a knife edge for four hours, score a 70 or better and he will earn himself £20,000.

That anywan is his estimate of what it will take to win the Lawrence Batley International in which he has a two-stroke lead over Rick Hartmann with his six-under-par total of 210. Michael King is three shots behind and at five behind is a formidable trio in Sandy Lyle, Jose Maria Canizares and Roger Chapman.

PAGE 15—Two kings of Europe vie for Open crown

Marsh missed the cut in this event last year and has no illusions about what needs to be done today. "There is disaster on almost every hole out there" he said. "You can be playing really well and suddenly the course will turn against you and you have to accept a 76. You really do live on a knife's edge and a seven-shot lead is not enough to be sure. Anyone level or better is still in this tournament."

That brings in the American, D. A. Weibring, the only other player to match par, although Howard Clark is only one over and there are only two players on two over. Neither can be said to have wrapped out a selectorial warning for the Ryder Cup for Roger Davis is an Aussie and not eligible and the other is already the captain and only selector, Tony Jacklin. He played the last three holes in three under and as a consequence is two ahead of his playing partner and a man he dearly wants in the team, Ken Brown

Marsh, in general, played carefully controlled golf yesterday. The one hole where he was threatened was the eighth where he hit a one iron for his second at a hole measuring 460 yards but into a stiffish wind. The ball finished half in and half out of the stream bordering the green and Marsh, after removing shoes and socks, waded in and literally splashed out to 30 feet. It was a brave shot and was followed by a braver putt that fairly rattled into the hole for an unlikely par.

Rick Hartmann, 92nd in the Epson Order of Merit, played the best golf of his career yesterday. He was the only man in the field not to have a single bogey

THIRD ROUND LEADERS
(British unless stated)

210—G. Marsh (Aus), 69, 71, 70.
212—R. Hartmann (US) 69, 74, 69.
213—M. King, 72, 68, 83.
215—J. M. Canizares (Sp), 68, 76, 71; A. Lyle, 74, 70, 71; R. Chapman, 72, 72, 71.
216—D. A. Weibring (US), 70, 72, 74.
217—H. Clark, 75, 71, 71.
218—A. Jacklin, 76, 72, 70; R. Davis (Aus), 74, 70, 74.
219—D. Sellberg (Swe), 75, 74, 70; D. Durnian, 73, 74, 72; E. Brand Jnr, 75, 71, 73; M. James, 74, 71, 74; C. O'Connor Snr, 72, 72, 75.
220—M. Piñero (Sp) 73, 76, 71; L. Stephen (Aus), 74, 74, 72; K. Brown, 76, 72, 72; B. Gallacher, 72, 75, 73.
221—M. Clayton (Aus) 74, 73, 74; V. Somers (Aus), 75, 72, 74; J. Rivero (Sp), 73, 73, 75; B. Sheehan (Aus), 70, 75, 76.
222—J. Anglada (Sp), 75, 76, 71; C. Mason, 74, 74, 71; I. Woosnam, 71, 80, 71; T. Horton, 72, 78, 72; D. Feherty, 75, 74, 73; S. Torrance, 71, 78, 73; D. Longmuir, 73, 75, 74; I. Baker-Finch (Aus), 77, 70, 75; D. James, 71, 75, 76; T. Johnstone (Zim) 74, 71, 77; C. Fowler (Aus), 75, 70, 77; R. Drummond, 74, 69, 79.

CRICKET DIARY

Paul Fitzpatrick

Durham must dig deeper

WHATEVER HAPPENED to those ambitious plans a few years ago for Durham to join Northumberland in an effort to form the 18th first-class county?

There is no shortage, of course, of quality players from that part of the world, as Durham proved yet again when they defeated Derbyshire in the first round of the NatWest Trophy last week. Unfortunately, there is a lack of cash. "If someone were to give us half a million pounds," says Durham's secretary, Jack Iley, "it might be a possibility, but I think the matter has been laid to rest for the foreseeable future."

One serious problem was that Durham do not own their own ground and the cost of bringing a number of venues up to county standards would have proved prohibitive. "The trouble too," says Iley, "is that although Durham have won considerable prestige for their successes over the years, the crowds have not justified the status of a first class county." An attendance of 2,000 for Durham's game with Northamptonshire at Darlington in the NatWest last year was especially disappointing.

The collapse of this particular dream — which Norman Graham, the former Kent bowler, has tried so enthusiastically to bring to fruition — would, one might have imagined, have sapped some of Durham's self-confidence.

But Kent had better not believe that when they play them in the second round of the NatWest at Canterbury next Wednesday. Steve Atkinson and Stuart Wilkinson, both of whom have played their parts in past glories, return to the side and it is a measure of Durham's power that they will be hard pressed to find a place for Wasim Raja.

THE GAME ending yesterday between Gloucestershire and Worcestershire at the Winget Ground brought a confrontation between two Yorkshire exiles, Bill Athey and Steven Rhodes, both prospering with their adopted counties.

Yorksire politics drove Athey to seek employment elsewhere. Rhodes's move was possibly less the result of politics than the bleak prospect of winning a first team place. He has now secured one and although his batting potential has still to be fulfilled — he has just one half-century to his credit this season — Worcestershire are delighted with his wicketkeeping. He must lay claim, too, to being one of the fastest runners between the wickets.

Athey, meanwhile, must surely come into contention for the England place he last held in the 1981 Tests in Antigua and Jamaica. He failed on both occasions after he had been rushed out to the West Indies from Grade cricket with Balmain in Sydney. But he is a more mature player these days . . . and certainly a more contented one.

A PLEASANT spot Aigburth, especially when the sun shines. You could take a wide-angled photograph from the pavilion verandah and a lot of people might be stretched to identify an impressive vista that looks out over the Mersey estuary towards the Wirral and the Welsh hills beyond. There aren't many better batting wickets, either, but it's a pity the Liverpool club lets itself down so badly with its public relations.

They played their cards incredibly close to their chest at Lancashire's game with Hampshire earlier this week. One announcement was made thanking the sponsors, but there was little else, and the public were left in the dark on a number of significant issues.

No one told them what had happened to the unfortunate Fowler; why Varey did not open Lancashire's second innings; why Greenidge did not open Hampshire's second innings; and there was no enlightenment as to the substitutes for these injured players.

There are many contributory factors to why so few spectators now watch county cricket, but a disregard for the public has been one of them. Umpire Mervyn Kitchen's assertion earlier this week to the press that "what goes on in the middle is none of your business" is still sadly prevalent. Cricket has been the loser because of it.

THIS ENGLAND team, though, will prove tough to break into, especially for batsmen. Another player, nevertheless, who must surely have excited the selectors' interest is Kim Barnett, now in his third season as Derbyshire's captain and still not quite 25.

Barnett has accepted an enormous amount of responsibility since succeeding Barry Wood as Derbyshire's skipper, not least that of opening the innings.

Mike Selvey at Lord's

Hadlee's mastery tips the balance

In a match which contained much good cricket and a deal of shoddy as well, Nottinghamshire beat Middlesex by five wickets at Lord's yesterday. They won comfortably enough, in spite of a late wobble, and deservedly so, for in what had been an even contest for two days, they played by far the more accomplished cricket on the last.

It took Barlow just one over in the morning to reach his fifth championship century of the season before chipping a return catch to Hadlee, who then ran through the tail, leaving Notts 246 to win in 92 overs.

There was one early upset when at 18, French, the makeshift opener, was caught at third slip by Carr. This was to the Middlesex's last success, until after tea as Broad, who batted steadfastly for the second time in the match, and Randall added a match-winning prtnership of 173 in 46 overs.

Randall's innings of 115, his fifth championship hundred of the season, was a delight. He bounced and fidgeted at the crease like a puppet on a string but he is in brilliant form. With exquisite timing and no little power, he was particularly strong on the backfoot (actually such was the bowling that he got little chance on the front) and apart from a mishit hook when he finally attempted the stroke, he made no real error.

Earlier, we were treated to a resumption of the best spell of seam bowling I have seen this year. Hadlee's seven for 34 were his best figures of the season, as he demonstrated complete mastery of length and line, all at a brisk pace. Jaded he may be, but this was high-class.

Unfortunately it also showed up the Middlesex seamers, who — Daniel apart — were frankly inept. Neil Williams, in particular, could have benefitted by following Hadlee's method. He has all the attributes to be a top quality bowler but it is possible to attack, as Hadlee demonstrated, without thrashing the middle out of the wicket. Nor does Hadlee bowl no balls.

One over sums it up. When Randall was 48, he received three harmless bouncers, a leg stump half-volley, despatched for four, and a good length ball which tore out his middle stump before he could blink. Regrettably it was a no ball. Nuff said?

David Frost at Southend

Essex can thank Lever

Essex beat Somerset by 149 runs yesterday, lifting themselves from their unaccustomed place at the bottom of the championship table, thanks largely to the bowling of John Lever. He bowled unchanged throughout the Somerset second innings and returned his best figures of the season, six for 49.

This was only Essex's second victory of the season, the first having come in their very first match. Earlier in this encounter Lever was called upon to bowl slow spinners, but yesterday he bowled 20 overs at a fair pace, almost always forcing the Somerset batsmen to play a shot.

Essex declared their second inings at 181 for six, inviting Somerset to score 248 in 60 overs to win. With Roebuck as anchor again, Somerset started by going for the runs but Lever struck his first blow in only his second over, getting Popplewell, who had scored 172 in the first innings, leg before for six.

Felton and Wyatt also fell cheaply and Somerset were 24 for three in the ninth over. At this juncture Marks saw it his duty to promote himself in the order, and scored a rapid 34 before becoming Lever's third victim in the 19th over. That was the end of Somerset's run chase, and the rest of the batsmen had to be prised out.

Hayward and Ollis both fell to Lever without addition to the score of 64, and the vital breakthrough came when Lever induced Roebuck to turn him to short leg where Pont took the catch. Roebuck had scored 12 in an obstinate innings of 31 overs and almost two hours' duration. The Somerset score was then 65 for seven, and they were all out for 98.

David Lacey at Portsmouth

Mendis has hard pill to swallow

Far from taking advantage of Middlesex's discomfort yesterday, Hampshire had the worst of their draw with Sussex at Portsmouth. They always struggled to answer the challenge to score 327 in 83 overs and finished 114 runs short, with the ninth wicket power anxiously fending off the pace bowlers.

For cricket statisticians the greater disappointment was the timing of Barclay's declaration which came when Gehan Mendis was four runs short of completing his fifth hundred for Sussex in half-a-dozen first-class innings.

This would have been the best performance for the county with the bat since C. B. Fry's six centuries in a row in 1901 and the first time such a hat-trick had been achieved for Sussex since John Langridge's four successive hundreds in 1949. Only 11 players in cricket history, including Bradman, who has achieved the feat twice, have scored five hundreds in six innings.

"I just hope people won't think I'm a rotter and swine," said Barclay, who went to Eton. Mendis, who did not, might have put it another way but when approached on the subject replied tersely: "Ask Barclay."

The Sussex captain thought they had batted on for a couple of overs too many anyway. With an attack lacking Imran and Pigott, he was always likely to want half-an-hour's bowling before lunch. "We chatted before the game and Gehan knew the situation," he explained. "I just wish he had got his hundred."

It was still hard on Mendis, who received only four balls in the last five overs before the declaration and could have been forgiven for believing that circumstances, which included an injured shoulder, were in conspiracy against him.

As Hampshire began their long task Mendis retired to the deep field and could be seen swallowing the occasional tablet. Without Greenidge, Hampshire's hopes of getting the runs virtually disappeared with the loss of the brothers Smith.

Eventually they survived the loss of four quick wickets in the evening session, and Barclay's surmise that he would need two more overs had been proved correct. All Mendis could do was keep taking the pills.

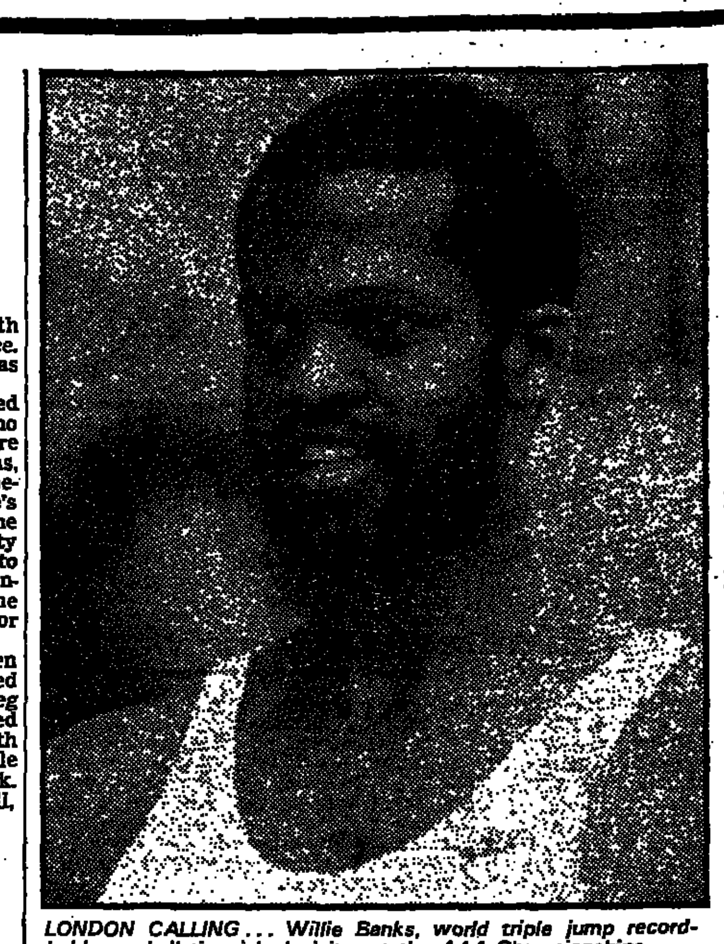
Ferreira has last word

Anton Ferreira dragged Warwickshire to a one-wicket victory over Lancashire with one over to spare at Edgbaston.

The South African all-rounder survived while Warwickshire crumbled from 221 for three at tea to 308 for eight in their chase to score 348. Ferreira was dropped on 19 off Patrick Patterson and punished Lancashire by reaching an unbeaten 42 in two tension-packed partnerships with Adrian Pierson (11) and Dean Hoffman (five not out).

Northamptonshire and Derbyshire called off their quest for a result four overs early at Northampton. Derbyshire, needing 290 to win, were left at 162 for six.

Richard Williams had looked the Northants match-winner as he picked up five for 64 in 20 overs with his spinners to leave Derbyshire struggling at 154 for six with 18 overs left. But, Paul Newman and Roger Finney held firm.



LONDON CALLING . . . Willie Banks, world triple jump record-holder and distinguished visitor at the AAA Championships

Martin Searby at Maidstone

Cowdrey's reward

AN ENTERPRISING declaration by Chris Cowdrey set up a secod successive victory for Kent at Mote Park, where Yorkshire were lured into chasing 299 in 66 overs and might have done it but for a dreadful start and an astonishing spell by Underwood, as deadly as ever in his 40th year, who had four for eight in 18 overs.

On a pretty good batting wicket, Cowdrey's main concern was that he needed time to winkle out the tail and there were less than six overs in hand when Shaw edged to slip, making it a fine piece of judgement.

Yorkshire, with a dismal record when it comes to chasing targets, were 25 for three in no time, with Boycott changing his mind over a single and leaving Metcalfe stranded without facing a ball. Fate was unkind in turn to the 44-year-old opener, and when Love powerfully straight-drove, Jarvis got his hand to it and deflected it on to the wicket with Boycott out of his ground.

Sharp played round a straight one and Hartley was leg before before the pugnacious Bairstow hit his side back into contention. With Love, 65 runs came in 13 overs. Then Underwood was introduced.

Bairstow edged a bat-pad catch to short leg, Carrick was taken at silly point off a ball that turned to give the left-armer two for one in four balls, and Yorkshire put the shutters up too late.

SPORT IN BRIEF

BOWLS: An England team fairly bristling with class bowlers retained the Gateway Home International Trophy at Worthing yesterday, defeating Ireland 104-84 in the last match of the day, writes Patrick Sullivan.

England's victory completes a hat-trick of wins in the championship. Earlier in the day Scotland evaded the wooden spoon by defeating Wales 107-95.

BOXING: Colin Jones returns to the ring in September hoping for a fourth world title chance against the winner of Sunday's fight in Monte Carlo between Milton McCrory of the United States and the Panamanian challenger Carlos Trujillo. London promoter Frank Warren will be in Monte Carlo to offer the winner terms to meet Jones in the autumn, either in Brimingham or Cardiff.

RESULTS

Cycling

WOMEN'S TOUR DE FRANCE—Stage 11 (Time trial—Correncon–St. Nizier, 22k).—1, M. Canins (It) 33m 03s; 2, J. Longo (France A) at 34s; 3, C. Odin (France A) at 1-01. British stage placings.—7, J. Painter at 1-43; 28, L. Gornall at 2-56; 36, C. Swinnerton at 3-15; 37, M. Blower at 3-20; 54, P. Strong at 4-39. Overall standings.—1, Canins 21h 24m 44s; 2, Longo at 13-43; 3, Odin at 18-36. British standings.—10, Painter at 24-04; 24, Blower at 32-47; 31, Swinnerton at 37-21; 33, Gornall at 38-46; 60, Strong at 1H Rule 16-31.

Badminton

TRAILAND OPEN (Bangkok). — Women's singles, semi-final: Qian Ping (China) beat F. Elliott (Eng) 11-4, 11-0. Women's doubles, semi-final: Wu Jian Qui and Guan Weizen (China) beat G. Clark and G. Gowers (Eng) 15-8, 17-15.

Sailing

J24 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Brighton). — Race 6: 1, Luder (B. Hodge); 2, Jacko (M. Lawlor); 3, Out Of Sight (B. Radcliffe). Final overall positions: 1, Luder; 2, Jacko; 3, Sanioli IV (J. Adams).

EUROPEAN FIREBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Guernsey). — 1, A. and M. Bell (Ireland); 2, R. and D. Junca (France); 3, I. and G. Fryett (UK). Points: 1, Fryett, 19.7; 2, Bell, 22.7; 3, T. Rusk and P. Constable (UK), 23.7.

Golf

WILLIAMSBURG CLASSIC. — First round leaders (US unless noted): 64—L. Hinkle. 66—J. Haas, S. Pate, M. Hulbert. 67—M. Hayes, F. Conner, L. Rinker, W. Grady (Aus), M. Reid, P. Azinger. 68—H. Sutton, R. Maltbie, R. Black, R. Gilder, D. Pooley, J. Simons.

US WOMEN'S OPEN (Springfield). — First round leaders (US unless stated): 70—N. Lopez, K. Baker, J. Anderson. 71—L. Garbacz, B. King, J. Stephenson (Aus), J. Clark, J. Bertsch, D. Pepper (amateur), K. McCarthy (amateur). 72—D. Coe, J. Coles, A. Alcott, A. Okamoto (Jap), B. Thomas, S. Turner, V. Alvarez.

Tennis

US PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Brookline, Mass). — Second Round: P. McNamee (Aus) beat J. Hlasek (Cz) 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; J. Aguilera (Sp) beat F. Cancellotti (It) 7-5, 4-6, 7-5; R. Arguello (Arg) beat H. Schwaier (W Ger) 6-1, 7-5. Third Round: L. Pimek (Cz) beat Tim Wilkison (US) 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; H. Sundstrom (Sw) beat J. Brown (US) 6-7, 6-3, 6-1; M. Wilander (Sw) beat S. Eriksson (Sw) 6-1, 6-2; B. Oresar (Yugo) beat R. Arguello (Arg) 6-3, 6-2.

SWISS OPEN (Gstaad).—Quarter-finals: J. Nystroem (Swe) beat W. Fibak (Pol) 7-6 6-0; G. Forget (Fra) beat H. Guenthardt (Switz) 6-1, 6-4; A. Maurer (W Ger) beat C. Motta (Br) 1-6, 6-2, 7-6; M. Edmondson (Aus) beat R. Viver (Ec) 6-4 7-6.

HALL OF FAME (Newport, Rhode Is). — Quarter-finals: J. Sadri (US) beat S. Davis (US), 6-3, 7-5; T. Mayotte (US) beat M. Flur (US), 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Equestrianism

DUBAI INTERNATIONAL SHOW (Hickstead). — Young Riders' Championship of Great Britain: 1, One More Time (J. Salt), clear, 40.29s; 2, Neopolitan (G. Burchmore), 4 faults, 35.20; 3, Fallon (J. Salt), 4 faults, 36.46. Al Habtoor Motor Stakes: 1, Towerlands Anglezarke (M. Pyrah), clear, 41.69; 2, View Point (P. Heffer), clear, 45.94; 3, Livius (P. Luther, W Ger), clear, 46.55. Dubai Metropolitan Hotel Stakes: 1, Springlike (K. Brown), clear, 53.75; 2, Lucky (P. Luther, W Ger), clear, 55.99; 3, Dunchow (G. Billington), clear, 56.43.

Athletics

ENGLISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS (Hull).—Finals: Boys, Seniors: Long Jump: B. Nevison (Kent) 7.44m. Discus: M. Symonds (Oxon) 49.50. Javelin: G. Jenson (Essex) 70.38m. High Jump: W. Linde (Surrey) 1.98m. Intermediate: Pole vault: J. Lewis (Surrey) 4.65m (ch'ship best). Javelin: R. Bushnell (Essex) 63.00m. Hammer: G. Cook (Surrey) 66.42m. Juniors: Long Jump: K. Liddington (Northants) 6.23m. Triple Jump: J. Chukukere (Sussex) 13.09m. Pole Vault: P. Nichol (Middx) 3.60m. Hammer: P. Vivian (London) 63.38m.

Girls.—Seniors: High Jump: K. Roberts (Sussex) 1.77m. Shot: S. Andrews (Essex) 13.22m. Intermediates: Discus: J. Aucott (W Midlands) 44.80m. Juniors: Long Jump: L. Connolly (Merseyside) 5.68m. High Jump: T. Clarke (Beds) 1.69m. Shot: J. Essien (Lincs) 11.46m.

Boxing

PROFESSIONAL BILL (Atlantic City). — Heavyweight (6 rds): Willie de Wit (Can) beat Earl Louis (US) rsf 3rd. Middleweight (10 rds): Mike Tinley (US) beat Ray Gray (US) pts.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE. — Toronto 5, California 3; Minnesota 5, Detroit 1; Oakland 9, Milwaukee 3; Baltimore 7, Chicago White Sox 6; Kansas City 1, Cleveland 0; New York Yankees 11, Texas 7; Boston 7, Seattle 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. — St Louis 6, San Diego 0; Los Angeles 3, Chicago Cubs 1; Cincinnati 2, Montreal 0; Houston 4, New York Mets 3, Atlanta 3, Philadelphia 2; Pittsburgh 6, San Francisco 4.

Fencing

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Barcelona).—Men's foil, British non-qualifiers for finals: A. Barlett, J. Davis, P Harper.

Bowls

GATEWAY HOME INTERNATIONALS (Worthing). — Scotland 107, Wales 95. (Scottish skips first): W. W. Wood 30, J. Anstey 9; D. Gourlay 22, J. Morgan 24; D. Copeland 17, G. Evans 22; R. White 23, B. Hawkins 20; J. Fleming 15, R. Hill 20. England 104, Ireland 84. (England skips first): A. Windsor 28, D. Hamilton 16; D. Ward 25, T. Murray 8; A. Allcock 11, W. Watson 25; J. Bell 21, J. Baker 13; P. Line 19, B. McBrien 22.

John Rodda previews the AAA championships

Focus on British at the Palace

ATHLETICS

Setting aside Willie Banks, the world triple jump record-holder, and Steve Cram, the world 1500 metres champion, and a few other distinguished visitors, the Kodak AAA Championships at Crystal Palace this afternoon and tomorrow are nothing more than a solid old fashioned meeting that will show the new quality and depth of British athletics.

The standard of 400m running will probably be the best seen in this country, and if only the weather could be Californian, the UK record, set in California by David Jenkins ten years ago, ought to go.

Mark Rowe, of the United States has joined the entry and, together with Darren Clark, of Australia, and Bert Cameron of Trinidad, will pose problems for the British challenge of Todd Bennett, Derek Redmond, Kriss Akabusi, Steve Heard and Roger Black, all of whom have dipped under 46 seconds.

Among the five, Bennett is the man of greater experience in dealing with a heat and final on consecutive days, but the strength and power of Redmond has still to be properly harnessed.

In the short sprints, Allan Wells is due to make a reappearance after an operation and faces the men in form, Lincoln Asquith, Donovan Reid and Linford Christie, together with Elliot Bunney, a junior who won the Scottish senior title recently.

The revenge which might have taken place — Steve Cram against Tom Mckean — must be saved for another place. Mckean has decided to get on with training, while Cram will hope for nothing too furious over 800m as a warm-up for his meeting in Nice on Tuesday with Joachim Cruz and Said Aouita, two Olympic champions.

With two men from Cuba who have exceeded 70 metres, the British discus throwers will be under pressure, while in the hammer, David Smith and Martin Girvan should find this sort of competition pushing them closer to 80m.

David Ottley, silver medal winner in Los Angeles and Roald Bradstock, the UK record holder, might provide the crowd with a 90m throw.

Where the selectors might be concerned, in thinking about the British team for the European Cup in Moscow next month, is in the form at 5,000m and 10,000m. There needs to be some sharper running at the shorter distance than has been seen to assure people that the spate of road running, which this summer has brought, is not damaging two track events where British teams normally score international points.

● The British and European 800m champion, Rob Harrison, from Liverpool, has been forced to withdraw from the championships after a recurrence of knee ligament trouble.

Robert Armstrong

Young ones barred

TENNIS

Disturbing evidence that too much tennis can cause mental and physical damage to children under 16 has persuaded the International Tennis Federation to introduce a fresh set of safeguards at their annual meeting in Barcelona. Though the premature retirement of Tracey Austin and Andrea Jaeger from the women's circuit has provided the impetus for reform, players of both sexes will be bound by the new regulations.

International competitions for children under 12 are abolished, while those under 14 are banned from the grand prix circuit. Players aged 14 and over can take part in a maximum of eight tournaments a year, with no more than four on the pro-circuit.

For those aged 15 and over, the maximum tournament permitted increases to 12, eight of which can be on the pro-circuit. There are no restrictions on 16-year-olds, hardly surprising in view of the achievements of Boris Becker. The ITF hope to abolish all competitions for all children under 14 in the near future.

It remains to be seen whether the new restrictions will reverse the trend towards teenage champions who face the problem of "burn-out" by their mid-20s. Apart from Becker, Mats Wilander, of Sweden, won the French Open in 1982 at the age of 17 and Jimmy Arias, of the US, won several grand prix events when he was 18. That era may be drawing to a close.

● An open junior tennis circuit for boys and girls under 16 has been launched for the first time throughout London's 32 boroughs under the auspices of the Sports Council. The plan is to unearth fresh talent among schoolchildren who might not normally play at tennis clubs.

The 64 boys and girls who score most points on the circuit will go forward to the grand prix finals at the Queen's Club in West London next October. The winners will receive one week's coaching at the David Lloyd Centre in Portugal.

Christopher Dodd in Lucerne

Test for Redgrave

ROWING

Steve Redgrave finds himself in a truly top-class line-up in Lucerne this weekend after his win in the Diamonds at Henley last Sunday. The premier Swiss regatta has attracted 24 scullers, including the Olympic gold and silver medal winners, Pertti Karppinen of Finland and Peter-Michael Kolbe of West Germany, the top East German, Uwe Mund, and the top Soviet sculler, Vasily Jakuscha, both of whom are world silver medal winners.

Redgrave's stated ambition this year is to reach next month's world championship final, so this weekend will reveal whether the 23-year-old Marlow sculler's excellent form at Henley is not just a flash in the pan. After spending last year in Britain's coxed four, his season in the single boat was indifferent until Henley.

In yesterday's heat — in both senses of the word — he seemed content to allow the Canadian Patrick Walter to have a go at Kolbe, while Redgrave stayed in front of Ibarra again. Kolbe goes to the final and the rest to the second-chance repechage.

Adrian Ellison, who steered Redgrave to a gold medal in Los Angeles, has found a seat in the national lightweight eight, formed before Henley from Nottingham and London groups. They race a repechage today but should reach tomorrow's final.

The only other men's crew sent officially by the Amateur Rowing Association are the pair, Martin Cross and Adam Clift. Cross, 27, is the third member of Britain's Olympic four hoping for a team place this year, and 23-year-old Clift is from the Olympic eight. They are almost certainly Britain's fastest pair, and yesterday they qualified for a semi-final with ease.

Among the club entries, Alan Rudkin and Alan Whitwell, the double scullers from St Ives and Becket School, were second to the Dutch and go into a semi-final. The lightweight double from Nottingham, Carl Smith and Stuart Forbes, coasted into fourth place and must take part in a repechage today.

Oklahoma City, the US "development crew," turned the tables on London University, who had eliminated them from the Grand at Henley. The London students were sluggish in third place yesterday, while the Americans won the heat to reach tomorrow's final. A Dutch crew were second.

Moseley, winners of Henley's Wyfolds, were fourth in their heat, a long way adrift of the West Germans and Italians, who were having a private duel in front.

The women's lightweight four and the lightweight double of Beryl Crockford (formerly Mitchell) and Lin Clark had no qualifying heats yesterday.

Pat Rowley

England short of time

HOCKEY

The England team, recent victors over India and the Netherlands, will have had only 36 hours to acclimatise before they face the Queensland State side who were runners-up in the Australian championship.

This is the second match of an extremely arduous tour of 13 matches in 22 days, including six Tests. It provides an ideal opportunity to develop teamwork and for individuals to stake claims for World Cup places. In the absence of five Olympic players — Barber, Batchelor, Bhaura, Leman and Potter — the openings are there for youngsters like Clift, Grimley, Shaw, Sherwani and the uncapped Clark, Gordon, Knott, and Jennings.

● The Hockey Association council yesterday rejected the recommendations of its own working party that Great Britain should be affiliated to the International Hockey Federation and compete internationally rather than under the individual home associations.

The HA also decided to introduce only two of the experimental rules proposed by the FIH. The mandatory penalty corner rule is accepted immediately and from September 1 the opposition players will be allowed to be nearer than five yards at push-ins or hit-ins.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Britannic Assurance County Championship

Gloucester v. Worcester

GLOUCESTER.—Gloucestershire (23 pts) beat Worcestershire (4) by 110 runs.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE. — First innings 307 for 7 dec (C. W. J. Athey 139 not out, P. Bainbridge 59).

WORCESTERSHIRE. — First innings 242 (Kapil Dev 72, T. S. Curtis 62).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE. — Second innings (Overnight: 48 for 2)

A. J. Wright c and b Illingworth	33
P. Bainbridge lbw b Newport	81
C. W. J. Athey lbw b Kapil Dev	6
B. F. Davison b Newport	13
K. M. Curran not out	15
D. V. Lawrence b Newport	0
R. C. Russell c Rhodes b Newport	3
D. A. Graveney b Newport	1
Extras (lb9, nb2)	11
Total (for 8 dec)	170

Fall of wickets continued: 82, 103, 145, 156, 164, 170.

Bowling: Kapil Dev 15-3-36-2; Radford 7-1-22-1; Illingworth 27-12-48-1; Patel 8-1-37-0; Newport 9.1-2-18-5.

WORCESTERSHIRE. — Second innings

T. S. Curtis c Lloyds b Lawrence	6
D. B. D'Oliveira b Lawrence	15
P. A. Neale c Russell b Curran	4
D. N. Patel b Graveney	4
M. J. Weston b Curran	4
Kapil Dev c Lloyds b Walsh	57
S. J. Rhodes lbw b Walsh	8
P. J. Newport b Graveney	5
R. K. Illingworth b Walsh	6
N. V. Radford lbw b Walsh	10
S. McEwan not out	0
Extras (w4, nb2)	6
Total	125

Fall of wickets: 9, 25, 31, 31, 36, 88, 107, 115, 117.

Bowling: Lawrence 8-1-11-2; Walsh 12.4-2-39-4; Curran 8-1-42-2; Graveney 9-5-17-2; Lloyds 4-1-16-0.

Warwick v. Lancashire

EDGBASTON.—Warwickshire (20 pts) beat Lancashire (4) by one wicket.

LANCASHIRE. — First innings 148 (Smith 4 for 25).

WARWICKSHIRE. — First innings 122.

LANCASHIRE. — Second innings 321 (M. Watkinson 87, N. H. Fairbrother 85; Ferreira 4 for 64).

WARWICKSHIRE.—Second innings (Overnight: 14 for 0)

T. A. Lloyd c Chadwick b Davidson	91
R. I. H. B. Dyer c O'Shaughnessy b Watkinson	28
A. I. Kallicharran c and b Davidson	56
D. L. Amiss lbw b Watkinson	31
G. W. Humpage c Abrahams b Watkinson	25
P. A. Smith c Davidson b Folley	15
A. M. Ferreira not out	42
G. C. Small b Watkinson	7
N. Gifford c and b Folley	3
A. R. K. Pierson c Chadwick b Makinson	11
D. S. Hoffman not out	5
Extras (b 8, lb 18, w 3, nb 8)	37
Total (for 9)	351

Fall of wickets: 104, 191, 204, 247, 269, 271, 293, 308, 326.

Bowling: Patterson 20-1-81-0; Makinson 25-4-59-1; Watkinson 28-6-86-4; O'Shaughnessy 5-1-13-0; Folley 21-1-54-2; Davidson 103-24-2.

UFI Minor Counties

UFI MINOR COUNTIES.—Cornwall v. Devon at Troon; Oxfordshire v. Berkshire at Morris Motors; Cumberland v. Staffordshire at Barrow.

● Kent have given Chris Tavare permission to miss the match against Northamptonshire at Maidstone, starting today, so that he can attend the wedding of his younger brother Jeremy. Alan Knott is having a fitness test on the left ankle which has kept him out of the current match against Yorkshire.

● Alan Walker, Northamptonshire's pace bowler is back in the reckoning for the match against Kent at Maidstone. He has recovered from the back injury that has made him miss one championship match.

Hampshire v. Sussex

PORTSMOUTH.—Hampshire (5 pts) drew with Sussex (8).

SUSSEX. — First innings: 327 for 8 dec (G. D. Mendis 109, I. J. Gould 51).

HAMPSHIRE. — First innings: 210 (R. J. Maru 62, C. L. Smith 60).

SUSSEX — Second innings (Overnight: 127 for 2)

G. D. Mendis not out	96
C. M. Wells lbw b Andrew	24
A. P. Wells run out	3
I. J. Gould run out	11
I. A. Greig not out	8
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 2, nb 3)	16
Total (for 5 dec)	209

Fall of wickets continued: 165, 168, 185.

Bowling: Marshall 2-1-10-0; Andrew 2-3-34-3; Tremlett 18-4-43-0; Nicholas 9-2-31-0; Maru 10-2-20-0.

HAMPSHIRE.—Second innings

V. P. Terry lbw b Le Roux	1
C. L. Smith c and b Le Roux	68
M. C. J. Nicholas c Gould b Jones	19
R. A. Smith c C. M. Wells b Greig	15
J. J. E. Hardy c Gould b C. M. Wells	54
D. R. Turner lbw b Le Roux	11
R. J. Parks lbw b Greig	11
T. M. Tremlett not out	2
M. D. Marshall c C. M. Wells b Greig	9
R. J. Maru not out	6
Extras (lb 7, w 1, nb 9)	17
Total (for 8)	213

Fall of wickets: 2, 61, 104, 112, 161, 187, 195, 204.

Bowling: Le Roux 21.5-5-51-3; Jones 17-3-50-1; Greig 15-4-43-3; C. M. Wells 16-7-31-1; Waller 12-5-27-0; Barclay 1-0-4-0.

Northants v. Derby

NORTHAMPTON.—Northamptonshire (7 pts) drew with Derbyshire (4).

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—First innings 334 for 7 dec (R. G. Williams 103, R. J. Bailey 81, D. J. Wild 80).

DERBYSHIRE.—First innings 264 (G. Miller 60 not out; Griffiths 4 for 37).

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—Second innings (Overnight: 23 for 0)

G. Cook c Miller b Finney	12
W. Larkins lbw b Mortensen	5
R. J. Boyd-Moss lbw b Mortensen	16
R. G. Williams c Barnett b Newman	9
R. J. Bailey lbw b Finney	52
D. J. Capel c Finney b Mortensen	71
D. J. Wild not out	32
R. A. Harper not out	7
Extras (b 8, lb 6, nb 1)	15
Total (for 6 dec)	219

Fall of wickets: 23, 25, 46, 52, 180, 180.

Bowling: Mortensen 18-4-70-3; Finney 15.4-2-57-2; Newman 6-0-27-1; Russell 5-0-21-0; Barnett 3-0-15-0; Miller 2-0-15-0.

DERBYSHIRE.—Second innings

K. J. Barnett c Mallender b Williams	27
I. S. Anderson b Williams	51
J. G. Wright c Wild b Williams	5
B. Roberts st Ripley b Williams	44
G. Miller c Larkins b Boyd-Moss	4
R. Sharma c Larkins b Williams	13
P. G. Newman not out	8
R. J. Finney not out	0
Extras (b 7, lb 3)	10
Total (for 6)	162

Fall of wickets: 50, 60, 132, 137, 137, 154.

Bowling: Mallender 10-2-30-0; Griffiths 4-1-15-0; Harper 20-5-65-1; Williams 20-6-34-5; Boyd-Moss 2-0-8-1.

Glamorgan v. Leicester

SWANSEA.—Glamorgan (4 pts) drew with Leicestershire (5).

GLAMORGAN. — First innings 289 for 6 dec (Javed Miandad 89, Younis Ahmed 58, R. C. Ontong 56 not out).

LEICESTERSHIRE. — First innings (Overnight: 320 for 4)

J. J. Whitaker b McFarlane	103
N. E. Briers c Miandad b Price	36
M. A. Garnham not out	18
N. G. B. Cook b Price	6
P. B. Clift not out	4
Extras (b 8, lb 7, w 2, nb 13)	30
Total (for 7)	393

Fall of wickets continued: 354, 361, 382.

Bowling: Thomas 20.2-6-57-0; McFarlane 20-2-95-1; Holmes 9-2-37-0; Derrick 9-1-27-0; Price 52-20-37-4; Ontong 31-8-66-2; Younis 12-8-9-0.

Essex v. Somerset

SOUTHEND.—Essex (20 pts) beat Somerset (5) by 149 runs.

ESSEX. — First innings 381 (B. R. Hardie 162, K. W. R. Fletcher 71; Dredge 5 for 95).

SOMERSET. — First innings 315 for 4 dec (N. F. M. Popplewell 172, P. M. Roebuck 69).

Bowling: Lever 29-5-84-1; Phillip 10-4-17-0; Pringle 18-5-53-1; Acfield 35-4-109-2; Pont 8-1-27-0.

ESSEX. — Second innings

B. R. Hardie b Marks	66
C. Gladwin c and b Booth	41
P. J. Pritchard c Marks b Booth	7
K. S. McEwan st Gard b Marks	20
D. R. Pringle c Gard b Marks	14
K. W. R. Fletcher not out	11
N. Phillip c Popplewell b Booth	7
K. R. Pont not out	7
Extras (lb 7, w 1)	8
Total (for 6 dec)	181

Fall of wickets: 87, 97, 130, 143, 158, 167.

Bowling: Dredge 3-0-21-0; Davis 3-0-14-0; Marks 18-0-63-3; Booth 18-1-70-3.

SOMERSET.—Second innings

N. F. M. Popplewell lbw b Lever	6
P. M. Roebuck c Pont b Lever	12
N. A. Felton c East b Pringle	3
J. G. Wyatt c Hardie b Lever	7
V. J. Marks b Lever	34
R. E. Hayward c East b Lever	0
R. L. Ollis c Fletcher b Lever	0
T. Gard c Pritchard b Acfield	1
M. R. Davis c Phillip b Acfield	28
S. C. Booth not out	4
C. H. Dredge b Acfield	0
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total	98

Fall of wickets: 8, 13, 24, 64, 64, 64, 65, 75, 98.

Bowling: Lever 20-7-49-6; Pringle 4-0-12-1; Acfield 15.4-8-34-3.

Middlesex v. Notts

LORD'S Nottinghamshire (22 pts) beat Middlesex (6) by five wickets.

MIDDLESEX. — First innings: 246 (G. D. Barlow 97; Rice 4 for 57).

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. — First innings: 202 (B. C. Broad 53; Williams 5 for 71).

MIDDLESEX — Second innings (Overnight: 172 for 5)

G. D. Barlow c and b Hadlee	112
N. F. Williams c Rice b Cooper	11
M. P. Neston b Hadlee	2
S. P. Hughes not out	1
W. W. Daniel c French b Hadlee	0
Extras (b 8, lb 2, w 1, nb 3)	14
Total	201

Bowling: Hadlee 21.3-8-34-7; Cooper 23-3-88-2; Hemmings 12-4-15-0; Rice 9-3-16-0; Saxelby 7-0-30-0; Such 4-1-8-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. — Second innings

B. C. Broad c Metson b Sykes	58
B. N. French c Carr b Daniel	9
D. W. Randall c Carr b Sykes	115
P. Johnson b Carr	12
C. E. B. Rice not out	22
J. D. Birch c and b Sykes	5
R. J. Hadlee not out	9
Extras (b 8, lb 4, nb 9)	21
Total (for 5)	249

Fall of wickets: 18, 191, 208, 208, 230.

Bowling: Daniel 11-2-49-1; Williams 10-2-41-0; Hughes 11-1-41-0; Sykes 21-7-58-3; Carr 15.1-5-45-1.

County Table

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Gloucester (17)	13	6	1	6	30	46	172
Middlesex (3)	13	5	2	6	32	50	162
Hampshire (15)	13	5	0	8	32	47	159
Notts (2)	12	3	1	8	34	35	117
Kent (5)	12	3	3	6	26	40	114
Surrey (8)	13	2	4	7	35	38	105
Northants (11)	13	3	1	9	28	28	104
Warwicks (9)	12	2	3	7	29	37	98
Lancashire (16)	13	2	6	5	24	39	95
Derbys (11)	12	2	4	6	25	35	92
Sussex (6)	12	2	1	9	27	33	92
Essex (1)	12	2	2	8	23	32	87
Glamorgan (13)	13	2	3	8	26	26	84
Somerset (7)	12	1	4	7	35	28	79
Worcester (10)	11	1	5	5	30	25	79
Yorkshire (14)	11	1	2	8	33	28	77
Leicester (4)	13	1	0	12	27	30	73

Worcestershire's record includes eight points for a tie in a drawn game.

1984 positions in brackets.

Kent v. Yorkshire

MAIDSTONE.—Kent (23 pts) beat Yorkshire (8) by 100 runs.

KENT. — First innings: 328 (E. A. Baptiste 82, R. M. Ellison 64 not out; Jarvis 7 for 105).

YORKSHIRE. — First innings: 300 for 7 dec (S. N. Hartley 60).

KENT — Second innings (Overnight: 95 for 1)

M. R. Benson c sub b Carrick	107
C. J. Tavare c Jarvis b Carrick	123
C. S. Cowdrey not out	14
E. A. Baptiste not out	3
Extras (lb 9, w 1, nb 2)	12
Total (for 3 dec)	270

Fall of wickets continued: 246, 255.

Bowling: Jarvis 16-0-60-1; Fletcher 17-2-70-0; Shaw 11-1-52-0; Carrick 24-2-79-2.

YORKSHIRE.—Second innings

G. Boycott run out	9
A. A. Metcalfe run out	0
K. Sharp b Jarvis	10
J. D. Love c Johnson b Underwood	93
S. N. Hartley lbw b Ellison	0
D. L. Bairstow c Hinks b Underwood	42
P. Carrick c Cowdrey b Underwood	0
G. B. Stevenson c Hinks b Jarvis	15
P. W. Jarvis c Cowdrey b Underwood	9
C. Shaw c Baptiste b Ellison	0
S. D. Fletcher not out	0
Extras (b1, lb6, w1, nb3)	11
Total	198

Fall of wickets: 1, 21, 25, 57, 122, 124, 139, 195, 198.

Bowling: Dilley 10-2-41-0; Jarvis 11-2-49-2; Ellison 13.3-5-43-2; Baptiste 7-0-33-0; Underwood 18-14-8-4; Johnson 2-0-17-0.

Second XI Championship

SOUTH HAMPSTEAD. — Hampshire 252 for 8 dec (R. J. Scott 92; Grimble 7 for 64) and 141 (G. P. Rose 5 for 38). Middlesex 253 for 7 dec (Rose 62 not out) and 141 for 1 (A. J. T. Miller 59 not out, K. R. Brown 74 not out). Middlesex won by nine wickets.

STUDLEY. — Warwickshire 170 (Cann 4 for 44) and 437 for 6 dec (Asif Din 191, G. A. Tedstone 107). Glamorgan 324 for 9 dec (J. A. Hopkins 140, C. Elward 58; Asif 4 for 8) and 43 for 0. Match drawn.

THE OVAL. — Surrey 302 for 7 dec (A. G. Davies 125, A. J. Dougherty 51) and 306 for 5 dec (N. J. Faulkner 87, K. T. Medlycott 95). Kent 333 for 8 dec (S. N. V. Waterton 143 not out, S. C. Penn 54) and 134 for 2 (N. R. Taylor 65). Match drawn.

MARSKE. — Nottinghamshire 319 for 6 (R. J. Evans 68, C. W. Scott 55 not out, D. Fraser-Darling 51 not out) and 246 for 4 dec (B. A. Courtice 120, M. Newell 91). Yorkshire 238 (D. Byas 52) and 301 (G. Johnson 93 not out, N. G. Nicholson 77). Notts won by 26 runs.

DERBY. — Lancashire 300 for 4 dec and 198 for 7 dec (S. T. Jefferies 56 not out). Derbyshire 272 and 85 for 4). Match drawn.

TAUNTON. — Worcestershire 288 (P. Bent 78 not out) and 273 (D. J. Humphreys 75, S. Kimber 82). Somerset 386 for 9 dec (A. J. H. Dunning 134, A. P. Jones 50; Kimber 5 for 80) and 102 for 6 (G. V. Palmer 75 not out; Ellcock 4 for 50). Match drawn.

Starting Today

BRITANNIC COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (11.0 to 6.30).—Derbyshire v. Leicestershire at Chesterfield; Essex v. Gloucestershire at Southend; Hampshire v. Worcestershire at Portsmouth; Kent v. Northamptonshire at Maidstone; Lancashire v. Glamorgan at Old Trafford; Middlesex v. Somerset at Lord's; Warwickshire v. Nottinghamshire at Nuneaton; Yorkshire v. Surrey at Sheffield. TOUR MATCH.—Sussex v. Zimbabwe at Hove (one-day match. 11.0 to 7.30).

Tomorrow

JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE (1.30 to 6.30).—Essex v. Gloucestershire at Southend; Hampshire v. Worcestershire at Portsmouth; Kent v. Northamptonshire at Maidstone; Lancashire v. Glamorgan at Old Trafford; Middlesex v. Somerset at Lord's; Warwickshire v. Nottinghamshire at Edgbaston; Yorkshire v. Surrey at Bradford. TOUR MATCH.—Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk XI v. Zimbabwe (11.30 to 6.30). ENGLISH ESTATES TROPHY—Final: Durham v. Dorset at Cambridge.

Mystery of the Red Float incident

Brian Clarke, author of Pursuit of Stillwater Trout, begins a series of occasional articles on angling with an account of how he got hooked

BLANKETY-BLANK years ago this month a small, tubular Bakelite float, brown on the underside, red on top, pirouetted its way down a sunlit reach of the River Tees, curtsied in an eddy and plopped out of sight.

A home-made bamboo rod, the rings held on with Elastoplast, the reel made from a bobbin and some part of a sewing machine, was jerked awkwardly skywards — and in that sun-shot, far-away instant one three-ounce gudgeon and one *small* boy were each hooked for life.

The fish, as first fish inevitably are, was taken home, cleaned, paraded and pomp-and-circumstance fried in the pan and I was caught forever in the cocooned intensities of angling.

Since that time, I have always loved floats. But then, all fishermen love floats for the reason I've just illustrated. Most anglers begin fishing when they are young and, because children cannot handle complex equipment and need something to hold their attention, they begin fishing with floats — which are both simple to handle and absorbing to watch.

And so — think of a float, conjure a *childhood*. Remember innocence and light and school holidays and bicycle rides and bright red Oxo tins packed with sandwiches, and excitements and first experiences of a thousand kinds.

Nothing in life will have the same mesmeric as a float on still water. And nothing will prove as riveting, as bobbingly electrifying, as that same magical object waltzing and gliding down a fast-moving stream, curtsying to the bite of a fish, this time a monster. I use floats less often now: I go coarse-fishing less. Trout have become my first love. And yet still I fish a float most summers, somewhere.

I have a lifetime's collection to choose from — long floats, short floats, thin floats, fat floats. I've got cork bungs big enough to moor a boat to, for pike minute, hardly-there-at-all floats, for dace and roach; antennae floats for fishing in the wind, slider floats for plumbing the deep, transparent floats made to look like bubbles.

Yet when I reach for them in the next couple of weeks my choice will not be based on technical grounds. I can get technical about trout. But I don't often want to be about floats. My attitudes are based largely on nostalgia, aided by idiosyncracy.

So — though every float I possess will go with me, I'll be dying to use just three.

The most important float of all, my Bakelite, road-to-Damascus float, won't be there, of course. I lost that when I was about 12, hoofing it from a bailiff on the posh Darlington Anglers' water on the other side of the bridge, where working-class lads were not allowed; marvellous chub water that oiled under alders and curled around a bend.

But the other Big Three will be there: the Red Float Incident float, the Swale Barbel Bagger and the Reginald Dixon Irish Pond Waltzer, special-memory floats more vividly described by the experiences which left them their names, than by technical specification.

There is no room here to go into the stories of all three. But I will mention one, the Red Float Incident.

It was a baking summer's day on a pond I'd stumbled on in some woods. The red float had sat motionless, for hours, the short white porcupine quill through its centre skewering its reflection to the surface. The sounds of bees drowsed on the air; the flowers and sedges hung heavily over the water; my rod drooped in its rest, exhausted.

I watched the float, hypnotised. The world closed in. The float changed shape, distorted, blurred, resolved and twisted.

Time passed. The whole day could have been a dream. But then the float slowly began to go down.

I watched it disappearing, the water slowly blurring its shape, water and light welling up and glinting around the cork, over the quill, the whole shape gradually getting fainter in detached slow motion.

After what must have been an age the spell finally snapped and I was fused and alert, my hand hovering over the rod-butt as though it were a six-gun, my eyes zooming in on the water. And there sat the float, motionless as before, still cloning itself in the surface.

I could hear my heart still thumping, but the sense of relief was enormous. I hadn't missed one. Any bite is important to a small boy. But on that dark, still pool, who knows what might have been? I settled back again and relaxed.

And then, long moments later, through some slow permeation, something caught my eye: a faint wink of light, and then another; the faintest ebbing rings, several yards across. Rings which had my motionless float, dead-centre.

I grabbed the rod in a mixture of panic and dread, and struck as hard as I could. There was nothing, absolutely nothing. No fish, no bait and to my disbelief, no hook either. The line had been bitten clean through, two inches above the hook.

That's it. Simply one small boy on a high summer's pond experiencing a surrealist moment that has marked him for life.

Of course, from time to time, logic threatens to intervene. Given the size of the pond, the kinds of fish it probably held, the modest sizes probably achieved because of the pH factor, the weed growth and the insect and other food available. . . .

But when all that stuff creeps in, I push it out again. Who knows — really knows — what might have been in that deep, dark pool that sun-stilled day? Or what might have happened if I'd been more alert and struck when the float first sank?

Like I said, that's the marvellous thing about floats: think of one, conjure a childhood, magic a memory.

David Davies looks at the strain of rivalry between Bernhard Langer and Severiano Ballesteros as Royal St George's beckons

Two kings of Europe vie for Open crown

THE picture editor of the French sports newspaper, L'Equipe, had a good idea: why not get Severiano Ballesteros and Bernhard Langer, two of the best golfers in the world, to pose together at one end of the Champs Elysées, with the Arc de Triomphe in the background symbolising their superiority over the rest of Europe?

Both men were staying within a short stroll of the desired spot, and when approached Langer, the US Masters champion, agreed immediately. However, Ballesteros, the Open champion, took a different approach: having patiently listened to the proposal, he said: "I will do it, but only on my own; there will be no Langer."

The result is the picture you see on the right. Picture editors, no more than anyone else, do not like to be dictated to.

But perhaps more interesting than the picture is the attitudes revealed by it. Langer is a controlled and courteous man, always willing to help and quite capable, for instance, of conducting an interview over lunch if that is what is required.

Ballesteros is totally a man of mood. At times he will talk, almost non-stop, for an hour or more; at others he will be almost reclusive, or, at best, answer questions on the run, making briskly for the locker-room. He can be an infinitely attractive person than Langer, and he can also be a boor.

It is hardly surprising, certainly to those who deal with him day to day, that Ballesteros refused to share that Parisian stage with Langer. There is no doubt in the Spaniard's mind about who is the best golfer in Europe — or, come to that, the world.

Ballesteros is his own No. 1, and while he bears Langer no personal animosity there is, and I suspect there always will be, a considerable golfing antagonism. No one is allowed to have his head higher, in a golfing sense, than Seve, and it is that element of inbred superiority which will make for a fascinating confrontation in the 1985 Open Championship at Royal St George's next week.

The two men will be, for many, the pre-championship favourites. Ballesteros, with four majors to his credit, will have the edge in the betting over Langer, who as yet has only one. But you have to go back to pre-war days for the last instances of Europeans being the favoured candidates for the Open. It adds more than a little spice to the proceedings that while each may respect the other's performance they seem not to like each other much.

The first sign that their rivalry had an edge to it came in the Suntory World Matchplay Championship last year: the two men were to meet in the final, and to the astonishment of the assembled press corps who were interviewing Langer after the semi-final, he had a go at Ballesteros's on-course manners. "He is not an easy man to play with," the West German said. "He intimidates you."

By that, it turned out, he meant that Ballesteros almost literally never speaks to a partner or opponent during a round. Langer, not accustomed to that kind of treatment, had taken it in the past as being the cold shoulder.

He had reason to suspect that might be so because in 1981, when as leader of the Order of Merit he had a place on the selection panel for the Ryder Cup, he was one of those who voted not to include Ballesteros in the team. The Spaniard, you may remember, had had his difficulties with the European Tour that year over appearance money, and had quite simply not qualified for the team.

The two of them had played the final round of the 1984 Open at St Andrew's together. Before the day's play started, Ballesteros told his caddie that in order to win the championship he must beat his immediate partner first, and that led to a round of golf in which they spoke briefly before and after and not at all during.

The uproar created by Langer's allegation at Wentworth led to sensational headlines about "hate matches", "rounds of silence" and so on. There was not a lot of communication, Ballesteros won 2 and 1, and afterwards there were a lot of denials about who had meant what.

"We are good friends," Ballesteros said, happy in victory, and the photographers asked him to shake hands with Langer. He refused, "Why should I?" he said. "We are friends, we do not have to."

Langer is not the first to run into, and suffer from, Ballesteros's way of getting the best out of himself.

Langer and Ballesteros have contested directly two events this year, the US Masters and the Carroll's Irish Open. Langer, of course, won the championship at Augusta and was comprehensively congratulated by Ballesteros as they came off the 72nd green. He put his arm round Langer's shoulders, he patted his back, he spoke insistently into his ear to make sure he was heard above the cheering of the crowd. It was a sincere demonstration of Ballesteros's innate sportsmanship, and it came when there was no longer anything he could do but accept defeat.

In the Carroll's the two men faced each other in a play-off. At the third extra hole, the 18th at Royal Dublin, in front of the packed stands, Ballesteros ran in a 35ft putt for a winning birdie, and so utterly delighted was he that he went into a punching routine that might well have impressed Marvelous Marvin himself.

Afterwards I asked him if he was particularly glad to have beaten Langer rather than anyone else, for the title. "I am always very happy," he said, measuring his words, "to beat a great champion."

If Langer is a great champion, how we evaluate Ballesteros is a poser. My instinct is to say that he is one of the greatest champions, and that he may well prove it again next week at Royal St George's.

BALLESTEROS : Putting it his way

ONLY A DRIVE AWAY ... Bernhard Langer points to the Arc de Triomphe — a symbolic gesture

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Sherwen's cycle of domestique service

Paul Sherwen (above) will not win the Tour de France but could decide who does. Charles Burgess reports on the modern Jeeves on wheels

THERE ARE 158 riders left as the Tour de France enters its final week and the man lying last is Paul Sherwen, the 29-year-old Briton. He is nearly 2½ hours behind the leader, Bernard Hinault, but his position and time matter not a jot to him or his La Redoute team.

For Sherwen is not, and never was, riding the Tour to win. That is the responsibility of his team leader, Stephen Roche, currently third. Sherwen's job is to help Roche at all times, sacrifice himself if necessary and not complain. He is a domestique, a member of the poor bloody infantry of the Tour and he is in good company. More than half the riders are already over an hour behind Hinault and will no doubt lose more time before Paris tomorrow week.

We spoke, over tea, in the garden of a cafe in Villar de Lans just after Sherwen had finished Thursday's individual time trial. As the last man he had gone first and joked that as he crossed the line he had the best time of the day. He finished 146th.

He explained the job of a domestique, one that he has done for nine years in Europe, coming over here the day after he was awarded his degree in paper technology at Manchester University.

"What I had to do in the time trial was to get round without getting eliminated and that meant finishing within the allotted time," said Sherwen. "You get a map of the course out, work out what the winner will do and then attempt to finish within 25 per cent of his time.

"It is a waste of energy to try anything else for I have to be fit for the stages when I can help Stephen. Even if I tried as hard as I could I would only finish 70th or 80th in a time trial so there is no point."

He continued: "I was an amateur when I first came to France and in six months I was the second best in France. I turned pro with a lot of hopes but I turned pro for the wrong team and did not have anyone to explain things to me. After three years I realised I was not going to be a star. But there was nothing degrading about it. Everybody has their limitation and it is just something you have to accept. I realised that you can still have your place as a domestique.

"My job with La Redoute is to look after Stephen. Maybe on a day when he is having a bad time I can help him by shielding him from the wind. But when it comes to the crunch I know he is better than me. On the flat stages I help him stay as near to the front to the pleoton (the main bunch) as possible, ideally in the first 20. You have always got to keep an eye out for an attack and that can be very difficult when there are 180 riders. Sometimes you can lose sight of people and have to drop back through to see where everybody is.

"We have a team meeting every day when we work out and discuss who is dangerous to us, about who not to let get away. If there is somebody who gets away and I am in a good position I will attempt to go with the break and stay at the back to try to slow them down. Although sometimes the bunch is getting out of hand the team manager will drive up and tell me to stop altogether.

"Basically the idea is that the team leader should use as little energy as possible until he needs to. On the Tour after 50 kilometres and up to 30 to go you can drop back to a team car for drinks. I would do that and also go back for a spanner if the team leader needs to do any adjustments to his bike on the move.

"I have to make sure he does not lose too much time if he punctures. With up to 15 kilometres to go I would stop with him and quickly change his punctured wheel for mine but any closer to the finish I would give him my bike, which is almost the same size as his, and then drop back to the team car to get another. With a race this size sometimes the bunch is spread out in a line over two minutes long and Stephen could not afford to wait that long."

He added: "On the flat stages when there are bunch sprints my job is to lead Stephen out for the final push. You try to make sure you are on the outside and can leave a gap for him to get through on my slipstream. That is the theory at least."

By his own admission Sherwen is not a man for the mountains but neither are many of his rival domestiques. They form what they call the autobus, an alliance that allows them all to ride together to get up the hill in the allotted time and work another day. Sherwen said: "You still have to ride pretty hard but everybody looks after everybody else, lends each other their water bottles, to make sure they all finish."

Now Sherwen is thinking of coming home to England, to race for a couple of years and look around for another job

Sherwen survives on this Tour because the judges rewarded his courage for continuing after an accident earlier in the week, even though he finished out of the allotted time. "When I have abandoned in the past it has been awful but it happens

"When I fell off the other day I was out of my mind for a long time. I could hardly pedal and there were times when I could have walked faster. But I said to myself, 'You can't get off now, not now.' It would have been a terrible way to end my time on the Tour. I am riding the best race in the world and it would be heartbreaking to stop."

Even if he is 158th out of 158.

BRIDGE

Rixi Markus

THE Juan les Pins Festival, Europe's premier bridge event, starts with a three-session individual competition, followed by a five-session championship pairs, a three-session mixed pairs and, finally, a three-session teams of four — a total of 13 days of concentrated bridge. 550 pairs competed in this year's pairs championship, and over 300 pairs in the mixed event.

I have been going to the Juan les Pins Festival for nearly 30 years — this was the 36th Festival at Juan — and I particularly noticed this year how much the general standard of the average players has improved. There were very few poor players, and the top players now have to work very hard to achieve good results. 1985 was the year of the Polish champions, who took first and second place in the main event; furthermore, Martens of Poland came second in the mixed pairs with Mme Desrousseaux of France.

Here is a deal from the mixed pairs which I enjoyed. North dealt with East-West vulnerable.

North
♠ 5432
♥ A10974
♦ K105
♣ A

West
♠ 9
♥ J8
♦ A962
♣ KJ10983

East
♠ K87
♥ Q632
♦ QJ43
♣ Q6

South
♠ AQJ106
♥ K5
♦ 87
♣ 7542

South Markus	West	North Koltscheff	East
		1H	NB
1S	2C	2S	NB
4S	NB	NB	NB

West led the ace and another diamond against my contract of 4S. I won the second diamond in dummy and finessed the queen of spades, which held the trick. A club to dummy was followed by a second spade finesse, and I drew East's last trump and paused to take stock.

Overtricks are all-important in match-pointed pairs contests, and I clearly had to try to play the heart suit to the best advantage. I cashed the king of hearts and played a heart to the ace, dropping the jack from West. When I continued with the ten of hearts from dummy and East followed small, the moment of truth had arrived. If the hearts were 3-3, I could ruff the third heart and make twelve tricks. However, if I ruffed the third heart and West showed out, I would be restricted to ten tricks, whereas I was certain of at least eleven tricks by allowing the ten of hearts to run.

There was one further point in favour of running the ten of hearts. With an original holding of Q-J-8 of hearts, West might have followed with the queen on the second round. The Principle of Restricted Choice therefore suggested that his actual play of the jack was more likely to be from J-8 than Q-J-8, and I fancied my chances of twelve tricks by running the ten. When it held, we scored +480 and 261 match-points out of 290.

Here is another amusing hand from the mixed pairs. West dealt at game all.

North
♠ Q3
♥ 10875
♦ J1098
♣ A63

West
♠ 76
♥ KQJ43
♦ A2
♣ J982

East
♠ A104
♥ 2
♦ Q7543
♣ Q1054

South
♠ KJ9852
♥ A96
♦ K6
♣ K7

South	West	North	East
	NB(1)	NB	1D(2)
2S(3)	3H	NB	NB
3S	Double	NB	NB
NB			

(1) This hand obviously qualifies for an opening bid, but West was an avid point-counter.
(2) I do not mind light third in hand openings, but only in a suit which you want your partner to lead.
(3) Strong, but not forcing.

West led the ace and another diamond. I won with the king and, convinced that West held A-10-x-x of trumps, I ran the eight of spades at trick three. To my surprise, East won with the ten and returned another diamond. I ruffed high and played another spade to the queen and ace. Having ruffed the diamond continuation, I cashed two more trumps, discarding two hearts from dummy. Fortunately, West also elected to come down to two hearts and three clubs, and I was able to duck a heart and make the nine of hearts as my ninth trick.

"I had to double, partner," murmured West; "I had eleven points."

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Advance can go one better

Chris Hawkins on the TV races

YORK (ITV)

2.0(5f): BROADHURST has each-way prospects, having run well when a neck second to the odds-on Falling Feather at Beverley. With only 7st 10lb she should not be far away.

2.30(1m): ADVANCE beat all bar Come On The Blues in the Royal Hunt Cup and *must win a decent handicap* soon. He finished a length and a half ahead of Vintage Toll (now 4lb better off) at Ascot and I take him to confirm the form with this notoriously *faint-hearted* rival.

3.0(1¼m): TANTINO has his fair share of weight but in the spring this Bustino colt was working well with Bairn *and could just be a cut* above the opposition after opening his account at Newcastle two weeks ago.

AYR (ITV)

1.45(7f): CHARTINO ran on strongly when short-headed by Cunmte at Newmarket, having finished unplaced to Faustus on his debut. That form sounds better than anything achieved by his rivals.

2.15(1m5f): OLD HUBERT is one paced but this is a poor race and he may be good enough. Last time out he was not disgraced when fourth to Clanrallier at Haydock.

2.45(1m3f): EAGLING *made the running and* kept on well when third to stable-companion Grand Pavois at Royal Ascot and a reproduction of that effort should be good enough.

LINGFIELD (BBC-1)

2.0 (5f): HELAWE is worth another chance after disappointing badly when a beaten favourite at Brighton last time. He was previously third to Sure Blade and Green Desert at Newmarket and is entitled to win a race on that form.

2.30 (7f): PROTECTION put up a magnificent weight-carrying performance when winning the Britannia Handicap at Royal Ascot under 9st 7lb. He obviously has a touch of class and, talented as the four-year-old Capricorn Belle is, I doubt the filly being able to give him 13lb.

3.0 (1¼m): SKARAMANGA, an unbeaten son of Shirley Heights, is hard to assess *but he looks very good. Today* will tell us more, for in Spicy Story he is upagainst a very smart stayer.

THE CURRAGH (BBC-1)

3.10 **(1½m): SALLY BROWN** is an improving filly whose form stands up well. She won the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot from Gracia Magna, who subsequently trotted up in the Lancashire Oaks.

Pat Eddery, who partners Dubian in the Irish Oaks.

Sally Brown best in Irish Oaks

Richard Baerlein

The Gilltown Stud Irish Oaks at the Curragh this afternoon is the last European classic of the season before the various St Legers come along in the autumn.

David O'Brien has complicated any logical summing up of the race by stressing that he will not make a decision about the participation of the probable favourite, Alydar's Best, before he has inspected the ground this morning.

Recently she found her form when winning the Pretty Polly Stakes at the Irish Sweeps Derby meeting but might prefer a softer surface than may prevail this afternoon. She was so highly rated as a two-year-old that O'Brien considered running her in the Derby rather than the Oaks, but all that fell apart when she took so long to find her juvenile form.

The English are strongly represented by Dubian, third in the Oaks, and again the mount of Pat Eddery, Helen Street, whose failures this season can be put down to the virus in Dick Hern's stable, and Sally Brown.

Dubian has had a busy season and I prefer Sally Brown, who has only run three times, winning the last two. She proved herself over the distance when taking the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot, where she confirmed she is on the upgrade.

Graecia Magna, two and a half lengths behind her in second place, has since run away with the Lancashire Oaks and we will hear a lot more of Sally Brown this autumn.

The £30,000 John Smith Magnet Cup at York is the top prize in England, where 14 highly competitive handicappers face the starter in an open race.

Hern and Bruce Hobbs have both won the race four times and are represented by Pagan of Troy and Evros respectively. Pagan of Troy has had training troubles and has plenty of weight for one who has appeared so little in public — twice last year and twice this. He has yet to live up to the promise he showed first time out.

Evros could not be lower in the weights—he will be 3lb more than his long handicap weight — and has won three of his last four starts. He failed over one and a half miles but was quickly *brought back to win over* one and a quarter miles, the distance of today's race.

Tantino, another improving three-year-old, hit the winning trail at Newcastle enabling his rider that day, Edward Hide, to take fifth place in the all time winnings of English jockeys. Hide will have the mount again and I am tempted to go along with him but he has to give 10lb to Evros.

Prince Lyph is also back to his best distance, while Chiclet appeared to win at Newmarket on June 1 with a little in hand and it was no mean feat in his previous race to run Grand Pavois, a subsequent Ascot winner, to one and half lengths at Doncaster. He represents Grand Pavois in here with around 8st 7lb, at which he would be the automatic favourite but I still prefer Evros.

Advance, second to Come On The Blues in the Royal Hunt Cup when strongly fancied, c⁻ı get compensation in the Hofmeister Lager *Handicap.*

I have a confident tip for Shivering Cold in the opening Jervaux Selling Stakes. He made his debut in better company.

Champion trainer, Henry Cecil, and the champion jockey, Steve Cauthen, go to Lingfield with Protection and Skaramanga, both of whom won during Ascot week.

Protection has Mahogany to beat. Although the latter has not won this season she ran quite *promisingly* last time out.

Skaramanga, a son of Shirley Heights, is still unbeaten after three runs and should remain that way after the Sun Page 3 Stakes, which has a very small field of four considering the prize is £20,000.

For the best bets of the day I go to Salisbury where Pictograph should repeat a course victory in the Fair Trial Handicap. He missed a number of tempting engagements to come back to the course where he scored with any amount in hand.

Highest Praise also made his debut here at the last meeting and it will take a good one to beat him in the Myrobella Stakes.

Royal Harmony, well beaten at Newmarket in a race won by Khozdar, makes his second appearance of the week in the Mecca Bookmakers Scottish Derby at Ayre. He gets worked up these days before his races and is no longer reliable.

Eagling, trained by Cecil, is the likely favourite but I believe Geoff Wragg, who won the Welsh Derby earlier in the week, can win this with Red Rocks, who was held in high esteem before a set-back last Autumn and it has taken him a long time to find his form. The stable is doing well and this is his first chance of the season to confirm his trainer's opinion of him

Alshinfarah, was by *far* the most impressive winner at York yesterday. *This two*-year-old by Great Nephew, who has already sired two Derby winners, is out of the Oaks winner Scintillate, who is also a half-sister to another Oaks winner, Juliette Marny, and a St Leger winner Julio Mariner.

On paper his first run at Ascot did not look in the top category but *he has im*proved tremendously and promises to develop in to a very high class juvenile judging by the way he beat Indisputable by three lengths.

A gamble on Melody Park in the Lin Pac Handicap failed to materialise partly because the ground was too firm for her. However, she was shut off by another runner when trying to make her challenge and that put her out of the race.

One of the bottom weights, Bollin Emily, *who had been* placed in her last four races, gained some compensation when winning cleverly from Hilton Brown and Tobermory Boy. The winner started at 7-1 as did the second and third.

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS: Nap: PICTOGRAPH (3.0 Salisbury). Next best: HIGHEST PRAISE (4.0 Salisbury).

● BLINKERS FIRST TIME: Chester: 3.45 Height of Glory. York: 2.0 Farida Fair; 3.0 Chaumiere. Lingfield: 2.0 Super Melody, Paddington Belle; 4.30 Hunt's Katie. Salisbury: None. Ayr: 3.45 Dowen, Consul.

LINGFIELD

2 00 Helawe | 2 30 Protection | 3 00 Skaramanga | 3 30 Pulsate | 4 00 Fine Harmony | 4 30 Formido

DRAW: HIGH numbers best up to 1m but LOW numbers may be favoured on soft ground
★ DENOTES BLINKERS GOING: Good

—BBC-1—

2 0—SUNDAY MAGAZINE NURSERY HANDICAP: 2-Y-O: 5f: £3,022 (8 runners).
1 (5) 223031 DUBLIN LAD (7lb ex) (C/D) M. Brittain 10-0 ... B. Cosgan
2 (6) 034 HELAWE (BF) J. Winter 9-4 ... S. Cauthen
3 (2) 0100 SUPER MELODY ★ (D) G. Hunter 9-1 ... B. Raymond
4 (4) 210224 OLE FLO (D) K. Brassey 8-11 ... B. Rouse
5 (1) 001 EL ALAMEIN ★ (D) G. Lewis 8-9 P. Waldron
7 (3) 0441 BLUE HORIZON (4lb ex) W. Jarvis 8-6 ... N. Adams (5)
8 (7) 01 MONSARAH (D) P. Cundell 8-5 ... A. Clark
10 (8) 0403 PADDINGTON BELLE ★ K. Ivory 8-2 ... C. Rutter (5)
Betting forecast: 3 Helawe, 7-2 Blue Horizon, 5 El Alamein, 6 Ole Flo, 7 Dublin Lad, 10 Super Melody.
TOP FORM TIPS: Helawe 8, Blue Horizon 7, Ole Flo 6.

—BBC-1—

2 30—BET WITH THE TOTE TROPHY: 7f 140yds: £12,115 (5 runners).
1 (2) 11-0301 CAPRICORN BELLE L. Cumani 4-9-7 R. Guest
2 (4) 00103-0 DON MARTINO J. Hindley 4-9-5 B. Raymond
7 (5) 034-044 MAHOGANY C. Nelson 4-7-4 ... B. Rouse
. (3) 1121 PROTECTION H. Cecil 3-8-8 ... S. Cauthen
10 (1) 30-1330 SAND IRON (C/D) G. P-Gordon 3-8-5 ... P. Waldron
Betting forecast: 6-4 Protection, 7-4 Capricorn Belle, 5 Mahogany, Don Martino, 10 Sand Iron.
TOP FORM TIPS: Protection 9, Capricorn Belle 7.

—BBC-1—

3 0—SUN PAGE THREE STAKES: 1¼m; £15,244 (4 runners).
1 (4) 20/310- BAND (D) W. Hern 5-9-5 ... B. Raymond
7 (3) 3012-30 SPICY STORY (BF) I. Balding 4-9-1 B. Rouse
10 (1) 00-010 KING LUTHIER (BF) G. Lewis 3-8-3 ... M. Thomas
11 (2) 111 SKARAMANGA H. Cecil 3-8-3 ... S. Cauthen
Betting forecast: 10-11 Skaramanga, 5-2 Spicy Story, 9-2 Band, 8 *King Luthier.*
TOP FORM TIPS: Skaramanga 9, Spicy Story 7.

3 30—GARROD & LOFTHOUSE HANDICAP: 1¼m; £1,814 (12 runners).
1 (11) 0-01000 REDDEN (D) A. Pitt 7-9-10 ... S. Cauthen
2 (4) 30-1400 PULSATE (D) (BF) C. Benstead 4-9-10 ... P. Waldron
4 (12) 1-00000 SUNAPA'S OWLET (D) A. Jarvis 4-9-7 ... T. Jarvis (5)
5 (2) 0100-00 KELLSAPAUL ★ (C) G. Hunter 3-9-6 ... C. Rutter (5)
6 (10) 0-00220 MEZIARA ★ A. Ingham 4-8-11 B. Raymond
9 (7) 0004-00 SPARKLER SPIRIT A. Pitt 4-8-6 ... A. Clark
10 (9) 0-40000 TANA MIST R. Voorspuy 3-8-5 ...
11 (8) 400000 PROFIT WARRANT (C/D) Pat Mitchell 6-8-4 ... P. Bradwell
12 (5) 00-0023 OUR KATY D. Morley 5-8-4 ... B. Rouse
13 (1) 000414 ENBYAR DAN D. Jermy 5-8-3 ... M. Thomas
14 (6) 300230- SUSAN'S SUNSET S. Woodman 7-8-3 ... W. Woods (5)
15 (3) 00-0203 STORMY KESTREL P. M. Taylor 4-8-1 ... N. Adams (5)
Betting forecast: 7-2 Our Katy, 4 Pulsate, 9-2 Enbyar Dan, 6 Profit Warrant, 8 Redden, 10 Sunapa's Owlet.
TOP FORM TIPS: Our Katy 8, Pulsate 7, Redden 6.

4 0—NEWS OF THE WORLD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES: 3-Y-O: 6f; £822 (10 runners).
1 (3) 00 ALALLAH G. Lewis 8-11 ... P. Waldron
3 (5) 00-00 BIDDESTONE LASS D. Elsworth 8-11 B. Rouse
6 (10) 000-000 CADENZA P. Makin 8-11 ... R. Guest
10 (7) 00- CREETOWN STAR W. Wightman 8-11 ... N. Adams (5)
11 (6) 03-0440 DOLLY A. Moore 8-11 ... W. Woods (5)
13 (9) 0200 FINE HARMONY J. Winter 8-11 ... S. Cauthen
14 (8) 040-220 FORTUNE'S RING R. Smyth 8-11 B. Raymond
17 (2) 00 HABUTAI I. Balding 8-11 ... A. Clark
19 (1) 000 MISS WHIRLIGIG M. Haynes 8-11 C. Rutter (5)
23 (4) RAFFLE D. Arbuthnot 8-11 ... M. Thomas
Betting forecast: 11-4 Fine Harmony, 3 Doly, 5 Habutai, 6 Fortune's Ring, 8 Biddestone Lass, 10 Alallah.
TOP FORM TIPS: Fine Harmony 8, Fortune's Ring 7, Dolly 6.

4 30 — ELLE MAGAZINE FILLIES HANDICAP: 7f; £1,914 (15 runners).
2 (10) 043-03 DONA BRAGANZA R. Armstrong 3-9-8 ... S. Cauthen
3 (2) 31 SAINT LUCE M. McCormack 3-9-7 B. Rouse
4 (12) 014000 DORANE G. Gaines 4-9-7 ... D. Dineley
5 (15) 00021 BELLE TOWER (6lb ex) (D) R. Smyth 3-9-7 ... B. Raymond
7 (5) 01-0012 FORMIDO (C/D) C. Benstead 4-9-6 D. McKeown
9 (14) 03400-0 SOMMBICH G. P-Gordon 3-9-2 S. Childs (7)
11 (7) 040100 PHAMOND ★ N. Callaghan 3-9-1 A. Rosser (7)
14 (8) 000-4044 LADY CLEMENTINE D. Morley 5-8-8 R. Guest
15 (1) 04-004 NELSON'S LADY C. Horgan 4-8-8 I. Salmon (7)
17 (3) 0000-00 ELECTROPET A. Pitt 3-8-7 ... R. McGhin
18 (6) 0-0000 TUMARI C. Benstead 4-8-7 ... A. Clark
19 (9) 0-00030 HUNT'S KATIE ★ P. Cundell 3-8-7 P. Waldron
21 (4) 000043 MELOWEN M. Brittain 5-8-5 ... B. Cosgan
22 (13) 01040-0 FILE TIMES G. Blum 3-8-2 ... M. Thomas
24 (11) 400-004 POLY DO K. Ivory 3-8-0 ... C. Rutter (5)
Betting forecast: 11-4 Formido, 7-2 Belle Tower, 9-2 Saint Luce, 5 Dona Braganza, 7 Phamond, 8 Lady Clementine.
TOP FORM TIPS: Formido 8, Belle Tower 7, Dona Braganza 6.

CHESTER

2 15 Meddlesome | 2 45 Viltash | 3 15 Trade Line | 3 45 Gods Solution | 4 15 Torquemada | 4 45 Desert Breeze

DRAW: LOW numbers best up to 1m ★ DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Good.

2 15 — E B F PULFORD MAIDEN STAKES: 2-Y-O: 7f; £1,706 (8 runners).
2 (7) 3 AUERSBERG C. Brittain 9-0 ... S. Perks
4 (8) 00 COUTURE COLOR R. Woodhouse 9-0 A. Bond
9 (1) INDIAN ORATOR B. Hills 9-0 ... B. Thomson
10 (3) 4 MEDDLESOME A. Jarvis 9-0 ... T. Williams
11 (6) 30 MISTER MACAW B. Hanbury 9-0 A. Geran (7)
12 (2) 330 PITPROP G. Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 G. Duffield
13 (4) RUN BY JOVE S. Norton 9-0 ... M. Wood
16 (5) 0 HARE HILL P. Rohan 8-11 ... L. Charnock
Betting forecast: 15-8 Auersberg, 5-2 Mister Macaw, 5 Indian Orator, 8 Run By Jove, 10 Pitprop, 12 Meddlesome, Hare Hill.
TOP FORM TIPS: Auersberg 8, Pitprop 7, Meddlesome 6.

2 45—ECCLESTON STAKES: 2-Y-O: 6f; £2,767 (5 runners).
1 (4) 1221 HYMN OF HARLECH (D) G. Pritchard-Gordon 9-2 ... T. Duffield
3 (1) 212213 VILTASH J. Etherington 9-2 ... M. Wood
5 (5) 1130 JELDAIRE P. Rohan 8-13 ... L. Charnock
10 (2) 21313 LUQMAN (C) P. Walwyn 8-11 ... N. Howe
14 (3) 41204 ROYAL ROUSER R. Hollinshead 8-11 S. Perks
Betting forecast: 9-4 Viltash, 7-2 Hymn of Harlech, 4 Jeldaire, 6 Luqman 10 Royal Rouser.
TOP FORM TIPS: Viltash 8, Hymn of Harlech 7.

3 15—CHESTER SUMMER HANDICAP: 2m 97yds (Flag Start); £3,648 (9 runners).
1 (1) 03/2022 ALPHA OMEGA (C) (BF) R. J. Williams 6-9-10 ... G. Duffield
3 (8) 0-42001 TRADE LINE (5lb ex) R. Sheather 4-9-8 ... T. Williams
3 (9) 040-020 DARK PROPOSAL B. Hanbury 7-8-12 T. Quinn
4 (5) 000-102 YALE R. Boss 3-8-10 ... B. Thomson
5 (6) 0-4003 JACKDAW (5lb ex) R. Hollinshead 5-9-0 ... W. Ryan
6 (3) 400-000 GRACEFUL KICKER ★ J. Edwards 4-8-1 ... S. Dawson (3)
7 (4) 003040 KNIGHT'S HEIR D. Arbuthnot 4-8-1 ... L. Johnsey (7)
8 (7) 041301 BUCKLEY P. Rohan 5-8-0 ... L. Charnock
9 (2) 000031 HYPERION PRINCE W. Wharton 4-7-7 ... A. Shoults (5)
Betting forecast: 11-4 Jackdaw, 3 Trade Line, 5 Knight's Heir, 7 Yale, *Alpha Omega, 10 Dark Proposal.*
TOP FORM TIPS: Jackdaw 9, Trade Line 7, Yale 6.

3 45—CITY WALL HANDICAP: 6f; £2,924 (6 runners).
5 (2) -310201 SHARLIE'S WIMPY (7lb ex) (D) W. Pearce 6-10-0 ... S. Keightley
7 (3) 20-0000 MIDNIGHT GUN (C/D) P. Walwyn 3-9-4 ... N. Howe
8 (5) 4-00300 HOLT ROW (BF) M. McCormack 4-8-12 ... G. Duffield
9 (4) 040011 GODS SOLUTION ★ (D) T. Barron 4-8-10 ... B. Thomson
11 (1) 00-0000 LIGHT ANGLE (C) G. Calvert 4-8-5 L. Charnock
13 (6) 000/ HEIGHT OF GLORY ★ K. Bridgwater 4-7-7 ... R. Adams (7)
Betting forecast: 5-2 Midnight Gun, 3 Gods Solution, 4 Sharlie's Wimpy, 8 Holt Row, 10 Light Angle.
TOP FORM TIPS: Midnight Gun 9, Gods Solution 7.

4 15—CASTLE HANDICAP: 3-Y-O: 7f 122yds: £3,116 (6 runners).
1 (3) 0-2100 FIELD HAND (C/D) B. Hills 9-7...B. Thomson
3 (6) 12-2102 TORQUEMADA M. Stoute 8-8 ... G. Duffield
4 (1) 031-3 PACIFIC PRINCESS J. Etherington 7-10 ... M. Wood
6 (4) 03000 HAPPY HOUSE ★ (BF) G. Wragg 7-7 ... T. Williams
7 (2) 32-2000 TRY SCORER Denys Smith 7-7 ... M. Fry
9 (5) 0-00202 VIA VITAE R. Hollinshead 7-7 ... P. Hill (7)
Betting forecast: 15-8 Torquemada, 3 Field Hand, 5 Pacific Princess, 6 Happy House, 10 Try Scorer.
TOP FORM TIPS: Torquemada 8, Field Hand 7.

4 45— ALDFORD MAIDEN STAKES: 1m 5f 89yds: £1,718 (10 runners).
1 (7) 343 HALEWOOD VINTNER D. McCain 5-9-7 ... J. J. O'Neill
2 (9) 00/ RAGFLINT R. Brazington 6-9-7 T. Williams
3 (2) 0 BURLEY HILL LASS R. Woodhouse 4-9-4 ... A. Bond
4 (8) TANDERAGEE M. Tate 4-9-4
6 (6) 0-0430 CAPAGENIE R. Whitaker 3-8-8 ... W. Ryan
7 (10) 0300-04 GULPHAR C. Brittain 3-8-8 ... G. Duffield
8 (3) 3-22200 WESTRAY R. Hollinshead 3-8-8 S. Perks
9 (5) 443 DESERT BREEZE J. Hindley 3-8-5 ... A. Shoults (5)
10 (1) 00 GOLDEN CUPID B. Hills 3-8-5 B. Thomson
11 (4) 0 PRINCESS BELLA S. Norton 3-8-5 M. Wood
Betting forecast: 2 Desert Breeze, 5-2 Westray, 5 Gulphar, 7 Halewood Vintner, 8 Golden Cupid, 10 Capagenie.
TOP FORM TIPS: Westray 8, Halewood Vintner 7.

SALISBURY

2 00 Sohail | 2 30 Rimah | 3 00 Daring | 3 30 Ferryman | 4 00 Highest Praise | 4 30 Western Dancer

GOING: Good to firm
DRAW: HIGH numbers best up to 1m. Low numbers may be favoured on soft ground.
★ DENOTES BLINKERS

2 0—QUEENPOT MAIDEN STAKES: 2-Y-O: 7f; £1,697 (20 runners).
1 (19) 0 ANOTHER EXECUTIVE D. Sasse 9-0
2 (2) ASHINGTON GROVE D. Murray-Smith 9-0 ... P. Cook
4 (17) 04 ATIG J. Bethell 9-0 ... J. Matthias
6 (16) 00 BELDALE BIRDIE D. Laing 9-0 ... W. Malham
7 (13) 0 BRENT RIVERSIDE G. Balding 9-0 J. Williams
11 (4) 0 DRY GIN H. Candy 9-0 ... R. Curant
13 (11) FIC VIC P. Burgoyne 9-0 ... I. Johnson
14 (12) FIRST BILL H. Candy 9-0 ... G. Landau (7)
16 (1) INISKY G. Harwood 9-0 ... G. Starkey
18 (10) MR FIZYCAL W. R. Williams 9-0
20 (15) 00 MYSTERY CLOCK P. Bailey 9-0 ... R. Wernham
21 (7) NORTHERN SOCIETY D. Murray-Smith 9-0 ... M. Wigham
24 (13) 0000 PRIOK W. Wightman 9-0 ... E. Johnson
25 (6) RUGGLES C. A. Bell 9-0 ... D. Brown
28 (3) 20 SOHAIL Thomson Jones 9-0 ... B. Hills
29 (20) 4004 SUNSET RIDGE D. Sasse 9-0 ... D. McKay
30 (8) C0 WALCISIN R. Hannon 9-0 ... A. McGlone
31 (5) 00 APRIL FOX D. H. Jones 8-11 ... R. Cochrane
33 (14) PARISIAN MISS M. Usher 8-11
35 (9) ROCKHOLD PRINCESS C. N. Williams 8-11
Div 2: Violado 9-0 G. Starkey, 1-2 fav, G. Harwood, 11 ran.
Betting forecast: 15-8 Sohail, 5-2 Ininsky, 6 Atig, 8 Dry Gin,
TOP FORM TIPS: Sohail 8, Atig 7, Dry Gin 6.

2 30—BROOKE BOND OXO AMATEURS RIDERS HANDICAP: 1¼m: £1,780 (12 runners).
1 (8) 000-020 RIMAH ★ (BF) Thomson Jones 4-12-0 ... Elain Mellor
2 (10) 004-313 HONEYDEW WONDER D. Elsworth 4-11-4 ... Sarah Lawrence
4 (12) 003000 GLENHAWK (D) M. Ryan 9-10-9 J. Ryan (3)
6 (4) 00-013 TOSCANA D. Marks 4-10-7 ... Kelly Marks
7 (11) 001 TRUE WEIGHT M. Madgwick 3-10-4 ... D. Madgwick (3)
8 (5) 0-000 ANDROMAHOS M. Salaman 3-10-2 ... Avery Whitfield (3)
10 (1) 000100 ALL IS REVEALED D. Thom 3-9-10 ... Sarah Kelleway (3)
12 (6) 000200 EIGHTH WONDER M. J Haynes 5-9-7 ... Yvonne Haynes
13 (7) 00 LOAN CHARGE D. Wintle 9-9-7 ... Melanie Leonard (3)
14 (9) 00000-0 HELVIC D. Wintle 7-9-7 ... Jane Wintle
15 (2) 0/0-00 WESTER ROSS ★ W. R. Williams 8-9-7 ... I. Williams (3)
16 (3) 00-0000 NIGHT WALLER J. Bridger 3-9-7 Jane Barlow
Betting forecast: 11-4 Toscana, 7-2 True Weight, 5 Rimah, Honeydew Wonder, 7 Glenhawk, 10 All Is Revealed.
TOP FORM TIPS: Honeydew Wonder 8, Rimah 7, Toscana 6.

3 0—FAIR TRIAL HANDICAP: 3-Y-O; 1m; £2,750 (9 runners).
2 (2) 321031 STAR FORMATION (C/D) J. Ciechanowski 9-7 ... J. Matthias
3 (1) 41 DARING (D) G. Harwood 9-5 ... G. Starkey
4 (7) 01 MALLIHOUANA H. Candy 9-3 G. Landau (7)
6 (8) 40-102 ABLOOM (D) M. McCormack 8-11 R. Cochrane
9 (3) 2-0411 PICTOGRAPH (5lb ex) (C/D) I. Balding 8-4 ... E. Johnson
10 (5) 220-401 SAFE CUSTODY (5lb ex) G. Hunter 8-4 ... R. Hills
12 (9) 02-0001 BRONZE EFFIGY (5lb ex) (D) R. Hannon 8-0 ... A. McGlone
13 (6) 4-00330 NORSTOWN R. Holder 7-13 ... D. McKay
16 (4) 0000-00 VAGUE MELODY G. Balding 7-7 ... G. Dickie
Betting forecast: 2 Pictograph, 4 Daring, 11-2 Safe Custody, 7 Bronze Effigy, 8 Mallihouana, 10 Abloom.
TOP FORM TIPS: Pictograph 9, Daring 7, Mallihouana 6.

3 30—LADBROKE HOTELS HANDICAP; 6f; £2,224 (8 runners).
1 (8) 011142 AL AMEAD (D) C. Benstead 5-9-13 J. Matthias
3 (5) 20200-4 GLEN KELLA MANX (D) J. Fox 4-9-12 ... R. Cochrane
4 (6) 000-012 AMEGHINO (D) M. McCourt 5-9-9 R. Wernham
5 (2) 401311 AL TRUI (7lb ex) (C/D) S. Mellor 5-9-9 ... M. Wigham
6 (4) 030400 FERRYMAN (D) D. Elsworth 9-9-7 A. McGlone
7 (7) 0000-20 MORSE PIP (C/D) (BF) C. Nelson 6-9-3 ... P. Shelton (7)
11 (8) 011240 MAKE ME HAPPY L. Holt 4-8-4 ... P. Cook
13 (1) 0-04003 LANDSEER (D) D. Sasse 5-7-8 ... D. McKay
Betting forecast: 5-2 Al Trui, 7-2 Ameghino, 5 Al Amead, 7 Morse Pip 8 Make Me Happy, 10 Ferryman.
TOP FORM TIPS: Al Trui 8, Al Amead 7, Morse Pip 6.

4 0—E. B. F. MYROBELLA STAKES: 2-Y-O: 6f; £1,549 (10 runners).
4 (6) 0 ASIAN CUP (BF) G. Harwood 8-11 G. Starkey
7 (1) 222 C JAM BLUES H. Candy 8-11 ... R. Curant
8 (2) FLOATING ASSET P. Walwyn 8-11 E. Johnson
9 (3) 4 HIGHEST PRAISE I. Balding 8-11 J. Matthias
10 (4) 0 KAMRAZ D. Sasse 8-11 ... D. McKay
13 (0) LOST ISLAND D. Elsworth 8-11
15 (8) 040 MERRYMOLES M. McCourt 8-11 R. Wernham
16 (9) 0 OAKDALE J. Fox 8-11 ... R. Cochrane
20 (7) 0 SUPER PUNK G. Hunter 8-11 ... R. Hills
25 (5) OMANIA R. Hannon 8-8 ... A. McGlone
Betting forecast: 11-4 Highest Praise, 100-30 Asian Cup, 9-2 C Jam Blues, 6 Floating Asset, 8 Omania, 10 Merrymoles.
TOP FORM TIPS: C Jam Blues 8, Highest Praise 7, Asian Cup 6.

4 30—CRESTED LARK HANDICAP: 1½m: £2,122 (5 runners).
1 (3) 200410 NO-U-TURN (D) S. Mellor 7-9-10 M. Wigham
2 (2) 04-0104 WESTERN DANCER (D) C. Horgan 4-9-6 P. Cook
3 (5) 013243 FOLLY HILL (D) J. Jenkins 5-9-5
4 (1) 1-30002 STRING PLAYER J. Ciechanowski 3-9-2 R. Hills
5 (4) 01-4 DESTINA (BF) G. Harwood 3-8-10 G. Starkey
Betting forecast: 13-8 Western Dancer, 11-4 String Player, 5 Destina, 6 No-U-Turn 8 Folly Hill.
TOP FORM TIPS: Western Dancer 8, String Player 7.

YORK CARD

1 30 Slate Market | 2 00 Broadhurst | 2 30 ADVANCE (nap) | 3 00 Tantino | 3 35 Mazaad | 4 05 Rambling River | 4 35 Eastern Mystic

JACKPOT AND PLACEPOT: First six races.
DRAW: LOW numbers best over 5 & 6f particularly on soft ground. GOING: Firm.
★ DENOTES BLINKERS.

1 30—JERVAULX SELLING STAKES: 2-Y-O: 6f; £3,501 (15 runners).
101 (12) 0 BLACK BANK (Hippodromo Racing) M. W. Easterby 8-11 K. Hodgson
102 (5) BURDIES BOY (S. Mear) K. Stone 8-11 ... T. Ives
105 (4) 0 LA MANGA PRINCE (Mrs G. Bottomley) K. Stone 8-11 G. Brown (5)
106 (14) 00 MARCH MANOEUVRES (D. Moore) T. Barron 8-11 ... S. Webster
107 (15) 00 RACHEL'S PRINCE (T. Myles) R. Stubbs 8-11 ... D. Nicholls
108 (10) 0200 SHAFTESBURY AVENUE (B. Tang) N. Tinkler 8-11 ... M. Birch
109 (6) 02 SHIVERING COLD (W. Haggas) W. Jarvis 8-11 ... A. Mackay
113 (13) 001 IMPROVISE (D) (P. Halsall) Ron Thompson 8-8
114 (1) 0 JOHNSTAN GIRL (S. Nisbet) M. Lambert 8-8 ... J. H. Brown (5)
115 (11) 0 JORVIC DANCER (Mrs E. Rhind) M. W. Easterby 8-8 M. Hindley (5)
117 (8) 00 LYDIA LANGUISH (Mrs M. Davis) R. Hannon 8-8 ... E. Hide
119 (9) 20021 MRS NAUGHTY (D) (A. Moore) W. Wharton 8-8 ... R. Fox
121 (7) 20 SLATE MARKET (Miss P. Fearson) J. FitzGerald 8-8 D. Conway (7)
122 (3) 0024 UPTOWN RANDB'S (Mrs R. Roper-Tye) G. M. Moore 8-8 ... J. Lowe
123 (2) VITAL STEP (C. H. Newton Jnr Ltd) T. Fairhurst 8-8 ... J. Mercer
1984: Carolynchristensen 8-3 T. Williams 12-1 N. Callaghan 11 ran.
Betting forecast: 4 Black Bank, 5 Slate Market, 6 Mrs Naughty, Shivering Cold, 8 Shaftesbury Avenue, 10 Burdies Boy.
TOP FORM TIPS: Black Bank 8, Shivering Cold 7, Mrs Naughty 6.

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2 0—JOHN SMITH'S LAGER NURSERY HANDICAP: 2-Y-O: 5f; £3,934 (9 runners).
201 (6) 10 IBERIAN START (D) (Mrs J. Hazell) T. Barron 9-7 ... S. Webster
203 (3) 214 BELATZ (D) (Marquesa de Moratalla) J. FitzGerald ... M. Hindley (5)
204 (4) 012 SECURITY PACIFIC (D) (A. Duffield) M. W. Easterby 8-9 E. Hide
205 (1) 222 FARIDA FAIR★ (Mrs B. Carrington) J. W. Watts 8-8 ... T. Ives
206 (9) 41 GOD'S ISLE (D) (I. Bray) M. H. Easterby 8-7 ... M. Birch
211 (7) 010 STARPHELIA (D) (L. Ford) M. H. Easterby 8-4 ... G. Baxter
212 (2) 2134 PALACE VIEW (D) (Gallagher Site Preparations) N. Tinkler 8-3 ... J. Bleasdale
214 (8) 340 CLOUDLESS SKY (P. Rohan) P. Rohan 8-0 ... N. Carlisle
216 (5) 4232 BROADHURST (Mrs D. Needham) J. Etherington 7-10 ... J. Lowe
1984: No corresponding race.
Betting forecast: 5-2 Iberian Start, 7-2 Security Pacific, 4 God's Isle, 6 Palace View, 8 Belatz, 10 Farida Fair.
TOP FORM TIPS: God's Isle 8, Security Pacific 7, Farida Fair 6.

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2 30—HOFMEISTER LAGER HANDICAP: 1m: £4,900 (8 runners).
301 (1) 010-241 PERSIS (C/D) (Sir K. Butt) J. W. Watts 4-10-0 ... T. Ives
303 (7) 1020-02 ADVANCE (C/D) (K. Abdulla) J. Tree 4-9-6 ... J. Mercer
304 (4) 3-00042 VINTAGE TOLL ★ (D. Cannon) J. FitzGerald 5-9-0 ... M. Hindley (5)
305 (5) 000101 SAMS WOOD ★ (5lb ex) (D) (H. Wright) T. Fairhurst 4-9-0 M. Birch
308 (6) 00-0132 CARO'S LAD (D) (BF) (E. Moller) G. Wragg 4-8-10 ... S. Bridle (7)
311 (8) 0/0-042 FIEFDOM (T. Stafford) R. Simpson 5-7-12 ... A. Mackay
314 (3) 000003 MEL'S CHOICE (M. Brittain) M. Brittain 7-7-10 ... J. Lowe
316 (2) 40-0111 HARDKNOCKIN (D) (Lady T. Stanhope) J. FitzGerald 3-7-8 N. Carlisle
1984: Persis 3-8-8 S. Cauthen 9-4 fav J. W. Watts 6 ran.
Betting forecast: 3 Advance, 7-2 Hardknockin, 9-2 Vintage Toll, 5 Persis, 7 Caro's Lad, 10 Sam's Wood.
TOP FORM TIPS: Vintage Toll 8, Advance 7, Hardknockin 6.

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3 0—JOHN SMITH'S MAGNET CUP (HANDICAP): 1¼m 110yds: £27,975 (13 runners).
402 (9) 420220 CHAUMIERE ★ (C/D) (C. Booth) R. Williams 4-9-7 ... T. Ives
403 (10) 33/40 PAGAN OF TROY (Sheikh Mohammed) W. Hern 4-9-6 ... M. Birch
404 (4) 021-041 K-BATTERY (C) (Mrs M. Butler) W. Elsey 4-9-1 ... J. Lowe
405 (2) 22-1032 SEVERN BORE (Sheikh Mohammed) F. Durr 3-8-12 ... G. Baxter
407 (7) 002-122 STANITAS (Mrs A. Daim) P. Felgate 4-8-9 ... D. Nicholls
408 (8) 0-031 TANTINO (5lb ex) (C. Tan) L. Cumani 3-8-7 ... E. Hide
409 (1) 01-122 PRINCE LYPH (BF) (Mrs V. Hue-Williams) M. Stoute 3-8-6 ... A. Kimberley
410 (6) 004020 ALL FAIR (T. Glover) R. Whitaker 4-8-5 ... J. H. Brown (5)
411 (5) 04121 CHICLET (P. Goulandris) P. Walwyn 3-8-4 ... J. Mercer
412 (13) 40-3020 THE GAME'S UP (M. Blewitt) P. Haslam 4-8-2 ... G. Sexton
413 (11) 4-4201 BRUSHWOOD (Sheikh Mohammed) B. Hills 3-8-2 ... R. Fox
414 (12) 000122 SIDAB (G. Painter) W. Musson 5-8-0 ... A. Mackay
418 (3) 0-01131 EVROS (Mrs H. Cambanis) B. Hobbs 3-7-13 ... N. Carlisle
1984: Straight Man, 3-8-11, S. Cauthen, 2-1 fav, W. Hern, 9 ran.
Betting forecast: 3 K-Battery, 4 Evros, 6 Chiclet, Prince Lyph, 7 Tantino, 8 Severn Bore, 10 Sidab.
TOP FORM TIPS: Prince Lyph 10, K-Battery 7, Chiclet 6.

3 35 — FRIARGATE STAKES; 2-Y-O; 7f; £3,386 (3 runners).
503 (2) 124 MAZAAD (Sheikh Mohammed) H. Cecil 9-0 ... W. Day
508 (3) 10 MASHHUR (Hamdan Al Maktoum) P. Walwyn 8-11 ... J. Mercer
513 (1) 40 PANNANICH WELLS (Mrs S. Lilley) M. W. Easterby 8-7 M. Hindley
1984: Andrios 9-0 G. Baxter 7-4 B. Hobbs 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 1-2 Mazaad, 11-4 Mashhur, 8 Pannanich Wells.

4 5 — FISHERGATE HANDICAP; 6f; £3,204 (6 runners).
605 (5) 030-710 MELAURA BELLE (C/D) (Maj P. Bell) T. Barron 4-9-7 S. Webster
606 (4) 004002 RAMBLING RIVER ★ (C) (D) (Miss G. Richardson) W. A. Stephenson 8-9-5 ... J. Lowe
610 (1) 030220 MARY MAGUIRE (D) (BF) (P. Durham) D. Chapman 8-8-12 ... D. Nicholls
612 (3) 131301 TAMFEN (D) (W. Burns) T. Craig 4-8-2 ... N. Carlisle
613 (6) 030000 CAMBRIDGE LODGE (D) (Qualitair Hotels) K. Stone 4-8-1 A. Proud
614 (2) 000302 TRIAD TREBLE (D) (I. Glenton) R. Stubbs 4-7-7 ... R. Still
1984: Fortysecond Street 9-7 S. Cauthen 11-4 fav W. Hern 7 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-2 Melaura Belle, 3 Tamfen, 4 Triad Treble, 6 Mary Maguire, Rambling River, 8 Cambridge Lodge.
TOP FORM TIPS: Melaura Belle 8, Tamfen 7.

4 35—FOUNTAINS MAIDEN STAKES; 3-Y-O; £2,798 (6 runners).
4 (4) 2 EASTERN MYSTIC (Maj R. Holden) L. Cumani 9-0 ... E. Hide
5 (3) 0-022 INUIT DANCER (BF) (R. Anderson) B. Hills 9-0 ... R. Street
6 (1) 0-0 KINGORA (G. Greening) Miss L. Siddall 9-0 ... G. Gosney
7 (2) 04 NOT AGAIN (J. Ashby) W. Wharton 9-0 ... D. Nicholls
11 (5) 023-30 VOUCHSAFE (Ld Scarbrough) W. Hern 9-0 ... T. Ives
13 (6) WHITE MILL (D. Jones) P. Calver 9-0 ... M. Birch
1984: Bernoke 9-0 S. Cauthen 9-2 W. Hern 4 ran.
Betting forecast: 1-2 Vouchsafe, 3 Inuit Dancer, 5 Eastern Mystic, 10 Not Again.
TOP FORM TIPS: Vouchsafe 9, Inuit Dancer 7.

AYR RUNNERS

1 45 Chartino (nb) | 2 15 Old Hubert | 2 45 Eagling | 3 15 Ivoroski | 3 45 Spice Market | 4 15 Eliel

DRAW: LOW numbers best over 7f & above
★ DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Good

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1 45—JOHNNIE WALKER RED LABEL STAKES: £4,000 added; 2-Y-O: 7f: £3,204 (9 runners).
1 (5) 00 AIR DISPLAY (S. Manning) J. S. Wilson 9-0 ... C. Dwyer
2 (9) 000 BEECHWOOD COTTAGE (A. Nerses) A. Bailey 9-0 ... E. Guest
3 (3) 0002 CAROUSEL ROCKET (A. Saccomando) 9-0 ... J. Reid
4 (1) 02 CHARTINO (B. Hanoud) G. Huffer 9-0 ... G. Carter
5 (4) U GOLD TOUCH (E. Benfield) P. Mitchell 9-0 ... Paul Eddery
6 (7) 0 HOT LINING (F. Carr) F. Carr 9-0 ... S. Morris
7 (6) 303 K O ISLAND (J. Tsang) J. Berry 9-0 ... K. Darley
8 (2) 00 PAULS SECRET (Denys Smith) Denys Smith 9-0 ... D. Leadbitter
10 (8) SERGEANT MACKAY (A. Fowler (J. S. Wilson) 9-0 ... N. Connorton
1984: Artavel 8-11 B. Thomson 3-1 fav J. W. Watts 12 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-10 Chartino, 3 Beechwood Cottage, 9-2 Carousel Rocket, 7 K O Island, 14 Gold Touch.
TOP FORM TIPS: Chartino 8, Carousel Rocket 7, K O Island 6.

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2 15—JOHNNIE WALKER BLACK LABEL HANDICAP: 1m 5f; £3,531 (5 runners).
1 (5) 000004 OLD HUBERT (E. Annetts) A. Bailey 4-9-10 ... G. Carter (5)
2 (4) 043501 SPLIT IMAGE (C/D) (Sheikh Mohammed) J. Hindley 3-9-4 M. Hills
3 (3) 040000 DUELLING (Mrs R. Johnson) P. Mitchell 4-9-2 ... Paul Eddery
4 (2) 010 ISLAND EXILE (Mrs G. Weston) J. W. Watts 3-8-12 ... N. Connorton
5 (1) 330404 TROMEROS (Mrs J. Park) Denys Smith 4-8-7 ... J. Reid
1984: Fitzpatrick, 5-8-11, Pat Eddery, 11-8 fav, P. Walwyn, 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-8 Old Hubert, 5-2 Split Image, 9-2 Tromeros, 8-1 Duelling and Island Exile.
TOP FORM TIPS: Old Hubert 9, Split Image 7.

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2 45—MECCA BOOKMAKERS SCOTTISH DERBY: 3-Y-O: 1m 3f; £14,383 (6 runners).
1 (2) 232113 EAGLING (Lady H. de Walden) H. Cecil 8-9 ... Paul Eddery
3 (6) 10-4400 KOHAYLAN (K. Al-Said) J. Hindley 8-9 ... M. Hills
4 (4) 00-0021 REBATE (Mrs J. Fisher) M. Ryan 8-9 ... P. Bloomfield
5 (1) 013-40 RED ROCKS (Sir P. Oppenheimer) G. Wragg 8-9 ... J. Reid
6 (5) 323-400 ROYAL HARMONY ★ (Sheikh Mohammed) B. Hills 8-9 ... R. Street
7 (3) 21 SHARP NOBLE (Sheikh Mohammed Al Sabah) K. Brassey 8-9 S. Whitworth
1984: Razmi, 8-9, T. Ives, 9-4, W. O'Gorman, 4 ran.
Betting forecast: 11-8 Eagling, 9-4 Red Rocks, 8 Kohaylan, Royal Harmony, 12 No Rebate, Sharp Noble.
TOP FORM TIPS: Eagling 9, Red Rocks 7.

3 15—GOAT FELL HANDICAP: 1¼m; £1,615 (7 runners).
1 (3) 004312 STATE BUDGET (C/D) (BF) (L. Budoen) W. Musson 4-9-10 J. Reid
2 (6) 023214 ELARIM (BF) (R. Cartwright) T. Fairhurst 6-9-5 ... C. Coates (5)
3 (5) 000440- HUAPANGO (C) (J. Hawdon) D. Yeoman 4-9-2 ... N. Connorton
4 (2) 322000- MAJOR'S REQUEST (R. Howarth) E. Weymes 4-8-13 ... E. Guest (5)
6 (4) 223332 THATCHINGLY (BF) (S. Wear) K. Stone 4-8-11 ... C. Dwyer
7 (7) 0-04041 IVOROSKI (4lb ex) (P & I Darling) Denys Smith 3-8-8 ... D. Leadbitter (5)
8 (1) 0042 MIGHTY SUPREMO (J. Mitchell) W. Bentley 4-8-7 ... K. Darley
1984: No corresponding race.
Betting forecast: 15-8 Ivoroski, 11-4 Mighty Supremo, 9-2 State Budget, 6 Elarim, 10 Thatchingly.
TOP FORM TIPS: Ivoroski 8, Mighty Supremo 7.

3 45—CAMBELTOWN SELLING STAKES: 7f; £846 (13 runners).
1 (8) 0-00000 ALWAYS NATIVE (T. Richards) D. Chapman 4-9-3 ... S. Keightley
3 (6) 0-01000 STAR EVENT (W. Lumley) J. Etherington 4-9-3 ... K. Darley
4 (7) 000130 SOLDERA (E. Stockdale) D. Chapman 4-9-0 ... C. Dwyer
5 (4) 0 DOYEN CONSUL ★ (Doyen Consultants) R. Stubbs 4-8-10 W. Beecroft
6 (12) 0-40000 HIGHLAND MAJOR (J. Hirst) F. Watson 4-8-10 ... D. Leadbitter (5)
7 (13) 040-000 RED COUNTER ★ (A. French) Hbt Jones 4-8-10 ... N. Connorton
9 (3) 0000-03 SPICE MARKET ★ (Mrs O. Lusty) J. Parkes 4-8-10
12 (10) 0/ LINDSAY'S GIRL (L. Graham) J. Johnson 4-8-7 ... O. Gray
13 (5) 0000-00 PATCHBURG (W. Haigh) W. Haigh 3-8-7 ... J. Reid
14 (1) 00-0000 ROSE D'ANJOU (Regent Decorators) J. Johnson 4-8-7 ... Paul Eddery
17 (2) 000-000 CONTINENTAL HOUSE ★ (T. Bennett) M. H. Easterby 3-8-0 M. Hills
18 (11) 00-000 MR KAN ★ (B. Kan) F. Carr 3-8-0 ... S. Morris
21 (9) 000-004 MY MYRA (C. Gaventa) M. Lambert 3-7-11 ... P. Burke (7)
1984: No corresponding race.
Betting forecast: 3 Star Event, 4 Always Native, 6 Soldera, Spice Market, 8 My Myra, 10 Continental House.
TOP FORM TIPS: Spice Market 8, Star Event 7.

4 15—AILSA CRAIG HANDICAP; 3-Y-O; 6f; £1,826 (8 runners).
1 (5) 212-040 ELIEL (C) (Mrs A. Birkett) E. Weymes 9-7 ... E. Guest (5)
2 (2) 000-10 HI-TECH LEADER (BF) (Mrs P. Yong) J. Etherington 9-0 ... K. Darley
3 (7) 00-3200 PRETTY RISKY (Mrs J. Ramos) Denys Smith 8-13 ... J. Reid
5 (4) 00-040 BARTRAMS (M. Stewart) G. P-Gordon 8-8 ... Paul Eddery
6 (1) 0-00031 MAFTIR ★ (7lb ex) (D) (C. Gaventa) M. W. Easterby 8-3 K. Hodgson
8 (3) 200-00 BALINDALLOCH (Mrs C. Geraghty) M. W. Easterby 8-3 ... K. Rolleston
9 (8) 00-5000 ELEGANT PORT ★ (T. Herring) T. Fairhurst 8-0 ... N. Connorton
10 (6) 040-000 PENTOFF (Mrs G. Garrity) D. Chapman 7-9
1984: Mizpah, 8-8, Pat Eddery, 7-1, A. Jarvis, 13 ran.
Betting forecast: 2 Maftir, 11-4 Eliel, 5 Bartrams, 15-2 Hi-Tech Leader, 8 Pretty Risky.
TOP FORM TIPS: Maftir 8, Eliel 7, Pretty Risky 6.

The Curragh (BBC-1)

3 10—GILLTOWN STUD IRISH OAKS (Group 1): 1½m; £1,181.56 Irish Punts.
1 (7) 11-041 ALYDAR'S BEST (A. Clore) D. V. O'Brien 9-0 ... C. Roche
2 (3) 030-000 DAFFODIL WALK (T. F. Roe) J. Murphy 9-0 ... D. J. Murphy
3 (1) 0-20000 DEAUVILLE LADY (Mrs C. McNulty) P. O'Leary 9-0 ... M. J. Kinane
4 (4) 1-223 DUBIAN (Mohammed Obaida) A. Stewart 9-0 ... Pat Eddery
5 (8) 001-22 FAIR OF THE FURZE (Mrs S. Rogers) L. Browne 9-0 ... S. Craine
6 (5) 112-24 HELEN STREET (Sir M. Sobell) W. Hern 9-0 ... W. Carson
7 (9) 2-10201 KEEP THE FAITH (E. Cleveland) P. V. Doyle 9-0 ... K. Moses
8 (2) 130-100 NATALIE'S FOOL (J. Brillembourg) J. S. Bolger 9-0 ... D. Gillespie
9 (6) 211 SALLY BROWN (R. H. Cowell) M. Stoute 9-0 ... W. Swinburn
1984: Princess Pati (P. Shanahan) 9-2 trained C. Collins.
Betting forecast: 9-4 Alydar's Best, 11-4 Dubian, 4 Sally Brown, 6 Helen Street, 12 Fair of the Furze.
TOP FORM TIPS: Dubian 8, Sally Brown 7, Helen Street 6.

CHESS

Leonard Barden

FOLLOWING his rival Kasparov's impressive match victories over Hubner and Andersson, world champion Anatoly Karpov attempts recovery next week from his disastrous and controversial end to the last title match. Karpov is among six invitees to the top group at the Ohra international in Amsterdam which starts on Tuesday. This double-round event includes Jan Timman of Holland, winner of the Mexico interzonal and currently the leading GM in the West; Tony Miles and John Nunn from Britain; and two promotees from 1984, Sunye Neto and Martinovic.

Karpov has regained no. 1 spot in *newly issued FIDE* world rankings which incorporate his 5-3 terminated lead over Kasparov. Top ratings are Karpov 2720, Kasparov 2700, Belyavsky and Timman 2640, Korchnoi 2630. *Best British* placings are Nunn 2600 (world no. 11), Short 2575 (18th, one place below Spassky), Miles 2560 (31st), Mestel 2535 (48th). Woman world champion Maia Chiburdanidze, who visits London next month for Lloyds Bank 1985 (August 21-29), has regained her no. 1 ranking (2450 points) from the Hungarian prodigy Zsuzsa Polgar (2430) and Sweden's Pia Cramling (2430). Leading British women are Jana Miles (2235, 16th) and Sheila Jackson (2225, 20th).

Short's 2575 rating at just beyond his twentieth birthday is the fourth best ever at that age, behind only Fischer, Kasparov and Spassky: Karpov at 20 was rated 2540. Another new FIDE list name is Michael Adams with 2360 points, the highest rating ever by a 13-year-old.

Tony Miles, who failed in the *Tunisia interzonal and has* recently been overshadowed by Nunn and Short, came back into form last month when he tied first at the category 12 Vidmar memorial. Leading scores were *Miles, Portisch, and Ribli 7/11,* Christiansen 6½, Nikolic 6, with Gligoric and Smyslov among the also-rans. This week's game, one of Miles's best wins, again shows the strength of Kasparov's speciality 4 P-QR3.

GM Tony Miles (England) — GM Svetozar Gligoric (Yugoslavia). Queen's Indian (Partorez/Ljubljana 1985)

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-K3 3 N-KB3 P-QN3 4 P-QR3 P-Q4 5 PxP PxP

It is still unclear whether this is better than 5 . . . NxP 6 P-K3 followed by B-N5 ch-Q3 and an early P-K4 which has brought Kasparov and his followers many victories, but where Black has growing resources; see *Ligterink-Belyavsky,* this column No. 1,852.

6 P-KN3 B-K2 7 Q-R4 ch P-B3

Both Q-Q2 8 Q-B2 or 7 . . . QN-Q2 8 N-K5 favour White.

8 N-K5 P-QN4?

An anti-positional counter which gives Black a permanent weakness at QB4: better B-N2 with the idea 0-0 and an early P-QB4. White's Q-R4 ch is still useful since he gains a tempo for an eventual R-Q1 to attack Black's central pawns.

9 Q-B2 Q-N3 10 B-N2 0-0 11 R-K3! N-N5 12 NxN BxN *13 N-Q2 N-Q2* 14 N-N3 P-N5

Miles now manoeuvres cleverly to make the QNP Black's major weakness.

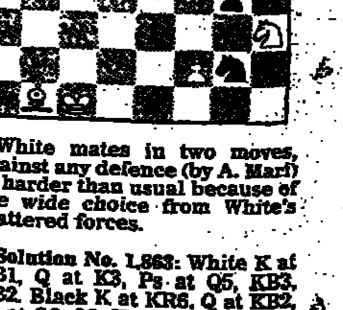
15 P-QR4 Q-R3 16 N-B1! KR-K1 17 Q-Q3 Q-N2 18 0-0 N-N3 19 P-N3 B-B3 20 P-R5 N-Q2 21 R-R4! QR-Q1 22 P-K3 B-R4 23 P-B4 Q-N4 24 Q-Q2 P-B4 25 K-R2 PxP 26 QBxP BxB 27 QxB BxP 28 R-B2 B-B5

Black has made the best of a bad job, exchanging his backward pawn and tactically defending his QNP; but Miles's reply, which prepares to meet 29 . . . R-QN1 by 30 R-R1, forces the win of a piece and the game.

29 Q-Q2! Q-B4 30 PxB PxP 31 R-K2 RxR 32 NxB P-B6 33 Q-Q4 Q-N4 34 RxP! QxN 35 QxN! Q-Q7 36 Q-B7 P-N3 37 R-N7 R-KB1 38 R-N3! R-K1 39 QxP Resigns

Oxford, Cambridge, Kings Head and Streatham compete in the *Legal & General national* club finals today and tomorrow at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, London. Three GMs and more than a dozen IMs will be in the teams; *spectator entry is free, and play* is 10.30-4.30 daily.

No. 1,864



White mates in two moves, against any defence (by A. Mari) — harder than usual because of the wide choice from White's scattered forces.

Solution No. 1,863: White K at KB1, Q at K3, Ps at Q5, KB3, KB2. Black K at KR6, Q at KB2, Ps at Q6, Q2, K4, K2, KN3, KN2. White to win. 1 P-B4 ch K-N5 2 Q-N3 ch K-B4 3 Q-N5 ch K-K5 4 QxKP ch K-B6 5 Q-K3 ch K-N5 6 Q-N3 ch K-B4 7 P-B3 (threat 8 Q-N5 mate or if Q-B3 8 Q-N4) QxP 8 Q-N5 ch K-K3 9 QxP mate.

RESULTS

LINGFIELD

2.30 (6f): 1, VAINGLORIOUS, J. Matthias (5-2); 2, Strive (11-4); 3, On Bayar (6-5 fav). Also: 33 Jousting Boy 6th, Shir, 50 Amontillado, Karmo 4th, London Contract 5th, Our Craig, St James's Risk (10 ran). ½l, 1½, 7, hd, ½. (H. Candy). Tote: £3.00; £1.10, £1.40, £1.10. Dual F: £3.20 CSF: £9.18. 1min 11.71sec.

3.0 (5f): 1, PERSIAN BAZAAR, N. Dawe (20-1); 2, Breeding (4-6 fav); 3, Avalon Lass (7-2). Also: 9 Del Boy 6th, 10 Hang Loose 4th, Looby Lou 5th, 20 Thai Sky (7 ran). 1l, 3, ½, 2, 2½. (J. Bridger). Tote: £26.00; £5.70, £1.40. Dual F. £18.30. CSF. £34 93 1min 0.69sec.

3.30 (1¼m): 1, KING OF COMEDY, P. Cook (3-1); 2, Tyre Prince (7-4 fav); 3, Romiosini (7-2). Also: 7 Ritual Music, 12 Canock Clown 5th, 16 Karamoun 6th, Greenstead Lady 4th, 33 Mac Na Bratche, 50 Somnerhill Gold, Hawkins Tender (10 ran). 3l, 8, 6, 2, 8 (C. Horgan). Tote: £3.90; £1.10 £1.30, £1.40. Dual F: £4.90. CSF: £8.70. 2m 39.36s.

4.00 (1½m): 1, LEON, S. Quane (100-30); 2, Clodie Girl (16-1); 3, Dream Merchant (9-1). Also: 5-2 fav Magic Island 6th, 6 Buster Jo 5th, 8 Creta, Sea Farer Lake, 12 Celtic Image, Lyra, 16 Corston Springs 4th 20 Billion Boy, Blair's Winnie, Sherpaman, 33 Ascension Island, Sweet and Golden, (15 ran). 3l, 2, 1½, sh-hd, 2 (L. Cumani). Tote: £4.10; £1.90, £7.90, £2.90. Dual F: £69.10. CSF: £61.11. Tricast: £441.63. 2m 40.42s.

4.30 (1¼m): 1, MAILMAN, J. Matthias (7-4 fav). 2, Yabis (7-2); 3, Royal Hale (6-1). Also, 11-4 Running Flush 4th 5 Jell Wasfi, (5 ran). 4l, 1, 7, 2½. (I. Balding). Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £2.40. Dual F: £4.90. CSF: £8.08. 2m 11.27s.

5.0 (6f): 1, PARTY GAME, P. Cook (6-4 fav); 2, Ayrshire Lass (11-2); 3, Matchstick Man (33-1). Also: 3 Mrs Kilroy 6th, 13-2 Eldeeb 4th, 8 My Sweet Melody 5th, 16 Disport, 33 Iumi, Sahara Straw, (9 ran). 2½l, 1½, 2½, nk, 2 (R. Smyth). Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £1.60, £3.30. Dual F: £3.60. CSF: £10.25. 1m 11.40s.

PLACEPOT: £10.70.

YORK

2.15 (6f): 1, NOMINATION, T. Quinn (2-1 fav); 2, Roaring Riva (9-4); 3, Corway Camet (13-2). Also: 3 Hagwmal 5th, 10 Teeley 4th, 14 Barkston Dancer (6 ran). ½l, 2, sh hd, sh hd, 8 (P. Cole). Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £1.20. Dual F: £3.30. CSF: £7.07. 1min 12.10sec.

2.45 (1m 1f): 1, TRULY RARE, W. R. Swinburn (6-5 fav); 2, Hopeful Heights (13-2); 3, Flower of Tintern (5-1). Also: 4 Sam Caffney, 8 Steerpike 5th, 12 Artarel 4th (6 ran). 3l, 3, 1½, 4, 1 (M. Stoute). Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £2.00. Dual F: £3.40. CSF: £8.92. 1min 51 20sec.

3.15 (5f): 1, BOLLIN EMILY, L. Charnock (7-1); 2, Hilton Brown (7-1); 3, Tobermory Boy (7-1). Also: 3 fav Melody Park, 4 Tyrolle 6th, Ardrox Lad, 9 Jonacris, 14 Cameroon 4th, 33 Yangtse-Kiang, 50 Tickford Hideaway 5th. (10 ran) 1l, ½, sh hd, nk, 3. (M. H. Easterby). Tote: £6.80; £1.60, £1.70, £2.60. Dual F: £14.90. CSF: £53.18 Tricast: £330.35.

3.45 (6f): 1, ALSHINFARAH, R. Hills (7-4 fav); 2, Indisputable (6-1); 3, Firm Landing (9-2). Also: 5 Common Touch 5th; 8 Hearts Delight, 16 Nap Majestic 4th, 50 Colonial King, Fernhill Lad, Hansom Lad, Harry Huff, Rapid Flight, Romantic Uncle 6th, Spanayke, Vaiely Tyrasome. (14 ran). 3l, 3, hd, sh hd, 3, (H. Thomson Jones). Tote: £2.40; £1.60, £1.30, £1.60. Dual F: £4.80. CSF: £11.20. 1m 12.11s.

4.15 (1¼m): 1, CALL AGAIN, T. Ives (4-1); 2, Al-Walled (7-2); 3, Stately Form (11-4). Also: 7-4 fav Gipsy Talk 4th, 10 Witchcraft. (5 ran). 6l, 1, 3, 1, (W. Elsey). Tote: £4.20; £1.50, £2.00. Dual F: £9.50. CSF: £16.75. 2m 31.35s.

4.45 (7f): 1, CHAPEL LIGHT, B. Thomson (4-9 fav); 2, Consiche (8-1); 3, Dancela (7-1). Also: 6 Darnit 4th, 25 Eastern Mariner. (5 ran). 2½l, 2, 2½, 5. (B. Hills). Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.50. Dual F: £2.60. CSF: £4.40. 1m 24.70s.

JACKPOT: £372.65.

PLACEPOT: £16.70.

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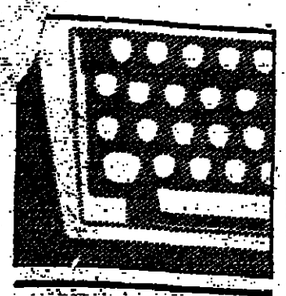


DIARY

CIVIL servants in the Ministry of Defence have learned that Mr Peter Levene, Mr Michael Heseltine's £95,000-a-year private import, comes not alone but as a package. He's brought his secretary with him. She will be paid £11,067 a year by Mr Levene's firm, United Scientific Holdings, who will reclaim it from the MoD. An equivalent Civil Service secretary would cost between *£6,000 and £8,000*, plus £1,300 London allowance. "Insult to injury," claim the Civil Service unions.

THIS week's City Limits magazine has two adverts on the same page. "Maitreya the Christ is in London and Awaits Recognition," reads one. "Hear Arthur Scargill," says the other. Both events are at the same time on the same day in the same place —Friends House, Euston Road.

So it was Arthur all along.

DAVID HART, the Lord Lucan-lookalike who was so active on behalf of the working miners, is also a novelist. The erstwhile high-living Times columnist-cum-Suffolk farmer-cum-"Number 10 adviser," has penned a tale called Eagle, to be published next year by Muller, Blond and White. Eagle has two natures: man-nature and eagle-nature, beginning and ending up the novel in a mental-institution. Not a barrel of laughs by the sound of it, but there may be some fun to be drawn from the character of "Prime Minister Ebullient," him being so fond of our own real-life ebullient PM.

NEVILLE BEAL, the Conservative GLC member for Barnet, rings to insist (this column yesterday) that the lion outside the GLC is by no means emasculated and is possessed of what he calls "ample spherical pertinences." I ring Mr Livingstone's office with the news. "Ah, but it hasn't got a wossii," replies an aide. I put them in touch with Mr Beal. These are not matters it is sensible for a column of this nature to become emeshed in.

THOSE KGB watchers who have been keeping a friendly eye on the 11 MPs from the Select Committee on Foreign Affairs during their Moscow jaunt had expected a quiet evening when the group was *booked into the Bolshoi for* the customary night of ballet. No such luck. Nigel Spearing, Labour MP for Newham S, who conceals the brain that won an Oxford First in geography beneath a deceptively dogged exterior, had other plans in mind. A keen student of public transport, Comrade Spearing set off to explore the Moscow metro. All 10 lines, 200 kilometres, and 120 stations of it. For this he paid the sum of five kopeks, or five pence. Mr Spearing much enjoyed his exploration. His escorts were less amused, doubtless convinced that he was up to something much more sinister than collecting ammunition for the next debate on London Regional Transport.

TH MIRROR is searching for "Britain's super hunk" — our answer to Rambo — who will win a fortnight for two in Los Angeles. "Wallies, wimps and weaklings do not apply," continues the competition blurb. "Only REAL men read the Mirror." Oh yeah? What's the three-quarter page ad for Bullmorkers doing ten pages later?

A PROMISING start to the competition to find the most apt Sun column by the Pope. A couple of early entries to inspire you. This one from Christopher Benfield of Manchester:

"Welcome to this weekly look at religion (but not alway!) and the way it affect our everyday lives.

"Maybe you do not think a Pope, he should be getting his message across in this way. But who would you rather spend a week on a deserted island with: Val Doonican, or Arthur Koestler?

"Make 'em laugh, make 'em cry, I think you say, eh? So I listen with interest when Sir Rupert Murdoch explain about expenses.

"This week, I have been asked to explain some about what Vatican *think* about hot pant."

Or, there is the offering from Stanley Alderson from Cambridge:

"It is a great joy to speak to the many readers of Brother Sun. For indeed, the prayer of the young St Augustine shines out there: 'Give our readers chastity and continence — only not yet.'

"Some have felt, however, that my presence there would be to me Ann Athema (Who she? Ed.), saying: 'I have seen all the works that are done under the Sun; and behold, all is vanity and vexation of the spirit.' Not so.

"Next week: GOTCHA! or Catch the Devil by his Tail."

Alan Rusbridger

Above: the ruins of Essen (the comparatively undamaged building in the background is the synagogue). Right: Dr Wilfred Coxon (picture by John Barnes). Below: the Mosquito — Spearhead of the Pathfinder Force

HAROLD JACKSON meets the inventor of a device which could have saved lives in Bomber Command

The unsung pathfinder

DR WILFRED COXON is still angry. It is more than 40 years since he had his battles with the wartime bureaucracy of the Ministry of Aircraft Production. The tussle concluded with the unforgiving powers-that-be trying unsuccessfully to stop him getting an official award for his wartime inventions. Since then the Official Secrets Act has gagged him.

At the age of 75 he has had enough. Sitting in his daughter's farmhouse in Dyfed he fumes at the thought of the young lives wasted in Bomber Command in the first *half of the* Second World War. In all, 55,573 men died in the 8,325 British bombers lost throughout the battle. It need not have been that many.

The limp hand of officialdom, he says, wilfully delayed the introduction of the tools he developed to allow air crews accurately to carry out the grim job of destroying Nazi war production and to get away from the target quickly *and safely*.

He has decided it is time for the story to be told. "What can they do to me at my age" he muses. He is convinced that the system he battled against has changed little and that there cannot be enough public warnings about the nature of officialdom. He cites the blatant lies of the Falklands campaign to make his point about the unchanging nature *of Whitehall*.

In this age of satellites, inertial guidance, and other high-technology aids to navigation it is hard to credit the rudimentary way in which bombers flew to their targets in the early stages of the 1939-45 war. Their stumbling progress produced incidents which would have been farcical had they not cost a number of innocent people their lives.

The first serious raid suffered by the Germans came in May 1940 when Freiburg was attacked in broad daylight. The 57 deaths included a group of children in a school playground. Local outrage was suddenly stilled when investigation showed that the attack had come not from the British but from Hitler's own aircraft, convinced they were bombing the French town of Mulhouse.

Nor was it only German navigation which could generate an error of 30 miles in a short daytime flight. The day after the war had started a British Wellington bomber attacked Esbjerg in neutral Denmark — 110 miles from its assigned target. Dr Coxon recalls how aircrews carrying out the *early attacks on Germany* had to steer by dead reckoning. After they had crossed the North Sea they had to check they were on the right course by looking out of the cockpit window to see if they could spot a complex of Dutch oil storage tanks. Along the rest of the route they had to drop flares at regular intervals so they could pick out landmarks — A wonderful signal to the German air defence network of the bombers' progress.

The nature of the British air offensive against Germany had been laid down in the late thirties in a series of Cabinet documents called Western Air Plans, running from WA1 to WA16. They covered everything from bombing Luftwaffe installations (WA1) to mining Germany's canals (WA16). The most significant plan turned out to be WA5 — "the maximum possible reduction of German war industry." Most of Britain's original air attack was based on that.

There was, however, a yawning gap between Cabinet aspirations and reality. The wavering strategic debate about the composition of the air force had so delayed orders for new aircraft that the largest *element of* Bomber Command was the single-engined Fairey Battle, a virtually useless machine which had failed most of its pre-production tests and which the Air Council had wanted to scrap well before the war started. Official indecision and confusion, however, ensured that 3,100 of these light bombers had been built by the end of 1940.

As if these were not sufficient handicap, there was the performance of the men flying these doubtful machines. Air Chief Marshal Sir Edgar Ludlow-Hewitt had told the Cabinet in July 1938 that, given good weather, it would take 300 bombers averaging five flights each no more than one month to lay waste to the war production capacity of the Ruhr. It is hard to imagine the basis for this assessment.

A year previously a precision bombing exercise had found that the average crew missed its target by 250 yards and that even the best performers rarely got nearer than 150 yards. Secret studies of Nazi bombing results in the Spanish civil war had shown that the standard 250lb and 500lb bombs then in service "had extraordinarily little power of penetration even when they actually hit the target.

The Air Ministry had resisted the development of specialised navigators until April, 1938 — on the classic Treasury argument that the extra training would qualify them for a pay increase. Until then the maximum navigational skill was whatever the men could attain during a four-week course. The results showed up in various exercises. One dummy bombing mission on a crystal clear summers day over a large English city established that 40 per cent of the crews were incapable even of locating the target.

This was the climate in which Bomber Command entered the war. Given the rate of aircraft production, of crew training, and the maintenance needs of the force, strategic analysts had determined that losses of more than 5 per cent during continuous operations would cripple the command. By the time of the Dunkirk evacuation, daylight *raids on* the enemy (which offered the most favourable navigational conditions) had generated losses of 11.5 per cent. The 990 night time raids over the same period had produced only a quarter that casualty rate. The logic was inexorable — future bomber attacks took place under cover of darkness.

So, on the night of May 15, 1940, 99 British aircraft attacked oil refineries and railway facilities in the Ruhr, the real start of the Bomber Command offensive. Because no contemporary bomber was ever able to reach 300mph the region was chosen less for its military significance than that it represented the longest return flight achievable during the shortening spring nights. This pragmatic approach also decreed that pilots were allowed to pick their own take-off and arrival time and the height at which they released their bombs.

The results claimed by the air crews in the post-attack debriefing usually sounded good. But *they* were hardly borne out by the subsequent photo-reconnaissance. The truth was that the airmen had little if any idea what they had hit: the photos disclosed that only about 5 per cent of the listed targets suffered significant damage, a pattern which persisted for more than two years.

In August 1941 an official bombing survey of 100 major raids revealed that only about 30 per cent of the 4,065 aircraft had come within five miles of their designated aiming point. The Air Ministry decreed that precision bombing "is beyond Bomber Command's capabilities."

Yet the problem had been foreseen as long as eight years before when the Operational Requirements Branch of the Air Ministry had called for the development of a target indicator bomb, a long-burning flare to be dropped at the start of an attack as the marker for all the following aircraft. By giving the crews an easily visible aiming point this would not only increase the accuracy of their attack but cut down the time they had to spend over the target and therefore the casualty rate.

Yet no one seemed able to find the answer to this basic — and evidently crippling — gap in the bombers' arsenal, though there was no lack of imaginative suggestions. Someone in the civil service proposed that a giant Roman candle be dropped, to sputter away on the target as the planes homed in. Those actually flying the missions wondered how they would see the candle if it fell inside a large building, how it was supposed to stay upright when it hit concrete, and how quickly the Germans would work out a way of smothering it or putting their own decoy candle in the middle of open country.

The discussion bogged down in an endless war of memoranda. On March 27, 1939, six months after Munich and with war clearly inevitable, Air Commodore John Slessor, the RAF's Director of Plans, sent a note to the Director of Operational Requirements, Air Commodore Robert Saundby, saying:

"I would be grateful if you could let me know what progress has been made with marker bombs since 1937."

Saundby's answer came back on April 5:

"You will remember that the informal discussion you called in October 1938 to review aids to night bombing did not result in any recommendations regarding marker bombs."

He nonetheless reviewed the latest position:

"A: The parachute flare is of very limited value. B: The incendiary bomb used as a mark is also not very much use. C: The projected flare has yet to be tried but I am not very hopeful as to its utility."

On May 19, Whitehall moved in its own inimitable way:

"D of Ops (For the attention of Wg Cdr Mills). D of Plans (For the attention of Sq Ldr Bennett). DSD (For the attention of Wg Cdr Brown). Following our informal discussion yesterday I have decided to open a new file on this subject."

On June 15 an early entry in the new file came from Wing Commander Brown. "At present," he wrote "Bomber Command can only guarantee an accuracy of five miles at night so that anything which can improve on this is acceptable."

The files read like an Ealing comedy script, except that air crews were being shot out of the sky by the *increasingly effective German* air defences. The British planes had to spend up to 30 minutes flying around trying to locate their target. Their bombing became almost a total waste of time as they were forced by the anti-aircraft fire to release their loads from greater and greater height.

No one in the Air Ministry had envisaged bombing from above 10,000 feet and Bomber Command's standard ballistic tables were calculated from the performance of the 11lb practice bomb dropped from markedly lower heights. They were hardly appropriate to the conditions of real life. Dr Coxon, fresh from lecturing in chemistry at the Regent Street Polytechnic, had already had a fight with the Ministry establishment over his development of a new photographic flare, though it eventually helped to document the lamentably poor results of the bombing offensive.

He now hit a new barrier in the increasingly urgent search for a successful target indicator. The Air Staff specification required the marker to be visible for ten miles from 15,000 feet and to burn for 15 to 30 minutes. It was also to fit the bomb racks used for the existing 250lb bomb. The effort to produce a workable version carried on through the first year of the war but failed dismally, in part because of the inadequacy of the available *fuses*.

The Ordnance Board evaluation concluded that "The flare as designed at present would take a very long time to produce. Moreover it is hard to see how it could be simplified if it is to meet requirements. The Board recommends, therefore, that the Air Staff be asked to reconsider the requirement before further design work is put in hand."

That set the bureaucratic pattern. The failure of the official attempt led to the inexorable conclusion that the task must be impossible. On June 18, 1940 Bomber Command minuted grimly "Marker bombs should be deleted from the present list of operational requirements." That mood coloured all future discussions of the project, though there were tricky political problems.

Churchill had developed a personal interest in the project and Dr Coxon's boss, Charles Lea, noted warily in an official memorandum that "It will be necessary to inform the Chief of Air Staff that we recommend the abandonment of the pyrotechnic marker bomb, since it was originated by the Prime Minister."

Dr Coxon, meanwhile, started conducting his own, totally unauthorised, experiments — a rash step for a young, recently arrived technical officer in the Directorate of Armament Development. He discovered a hoard of empty 250 lb gas bomb cases which he stuffed with the business ends of several incendiary bombs. In June 1941 a ground-based experiment at Boscombe Down showed that exploding the incendiaries from the casing produced a fiery oval pattern easily seen from the spotter aircraft.

The solo official response to the experiment was a reprimand for carrying out unauthorised testing. There was also a more practical problem — the standard airburst fuses then available could not function above 10,000 feet. Dr Coxon discussed the problem with an engineer friend, Mr Jack Imber, marketer of the Aladdin paraffin heater and originator of pink paraffin.

Imber invented a new fuse which not only did the job but was far easier to manufacture than those in use. Thousands of them went into weapons used later in the war. But because *they relied* on combustion these Imber fuses could not operate in the thin atmosphere above 30,000 feet. Imber then developed a barometric fuse which quickly went in operational use in spite of an official appreciation from the Ordnance Board declaring that it was based on unsound principles and could not possibly work.

The successful clandestine test of the barometric fuse at Boscombe Down, carried out with the help of a photo-reconnaissance unit commander who was officially testing flares, generated a huge row in which Dr Coxon was formally charged with carrying out illicit trials which endangered the aircraft and its crew. The reconnaissance commander's sympathetic evidence got the charge dropped, but the atmosphere remained poisonous.

This impasse might well have lasted for the rest of the war had not an RAF observer, surveying a raid on Essen on March 8, 1942, commented in his offical report: "I was extremely disappointed at the dispersed nature of our attack. I was, however, greatly impressed by the appearance from the air of a free stick of incendiaries dropped from a Stirling aircraft. If similar sticks of incendiary bombs could be given a distinctive colour or colours they would form an ideal marker bomb."

Dr Coxon made one more effort to get his invention adopted through official channels and, being blocked yet again with the declaration that there was "no operational requirement" for the device, disclosed what was going on in an unauthorised visit to Air Commodore S. O. Bufton, deputy director of Bomber Operations.

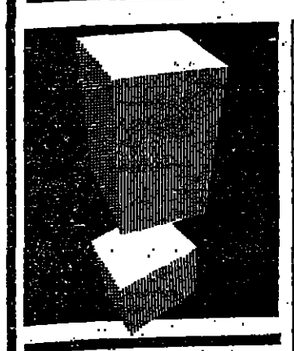
On March 18, 1942, Bufton put in a formal request that the marker bomb be restored to the RAF's operational requirement. By the end of that month Dr Coxon had been given a free hand to *develop his invention*. In early July the marker was successfully demonstrated to Churchill's science adviser, Lord Cherwell, and to senior air force staff.

On July 7, a memorandum went out to the Assistant Chief of Air Staff. "We require the highest possible priority production at the rate of 300 minimum to 500 maximum per week. Dr Coxon of RDArm8 is, I understand, in a position to arrange for this on receiving a semi-production order."

With the tool finally available for the job, Air Commodore Bufton started a campaign to create the Pathfinder Force, formally established on August 11, 1942. At 8 58 pm on March 5, 1943, a Mosquito aircraft of that force dropped a stick of target indicators from 30,000 feet above the Krupps factory in Essen. Within 40 minutes more than 600 acres of the plant had been laid waste by 400 bombers. Fourteen of the planes were shot down — a casualty rate of 3.5 per cent. Bomber Command's strike efficiency went from five per cent to 60 per cent.

Extract from the evidence of Air Marshall Sir Robert Saundby to the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors, February 10, 1948:

"The importance of the marker bomb to our subsequent operations can hardly be over-estimated. It was, in fact, the keystone in the chain of all Pathfinder techniques."



ENDPIECE

Roy Hattersley

UNTIL last weekend, it had been my good fortune to avoid close contact with horses. Driven to excess by years of wartime austerity, my father occasionally asked me to nip out into the road, with pan and brush, and collect *what he coyly called* "the manure" dropped by the milkman's nag. And during the re-creation of Camelot which was the last Labour Government, I could see from my seat at the Cabinet table the troop of Household Cavalry which made its way back to Knightsbridge Barracks at eleven o'clock each morning with bugles blowing, guidon flying, and coats carefully draped over the flanks across which they sat. But I never actually bumped into a horse.

But last Saturday, one bumped into me — quite intentionally. On being introduced, I had stepped politely forward to greet it. My gesture of goodwill was immediately reciprocated with what I can only describe as an old-fashioned shoulder charge. But it was not that single act of unprovoked aggression which prejudiced me against the beast. Horses — as I discovered from close quarters — are ridiculous in themselves. Only the genius of a Stubbs could make them look elegant. Delacroix painted them as the prancing partners of martial triumph. But that was because he saw *la gloire* in everything. Horses are intrinsically funny looking.

The bovver-horse which assaulted me, was, his handler assured me, a prince among animals. It had spindly legs and veins which ran so close to the skin that I feared they would pop out. But these apparent defects were described as signs of breeding not emaciation, and I was urged to examine its "good mouth." This splendid feature was set in a muzzle which I patted in the way which I know is much appreciated by dogs. It emitted exactly the sound which is produced by knocking on wood. The result was not, for me, the good fortune which that action is supposed to bring. The horse stood on my foot.

I found it impossible to continue the conversation. With dogs, I can talk for hours, discussing the way they have spent their day chasing imaginary rabbits, sniffing at the foot of lamp posts, and rolling in whatever decaying substances they can find. But horses do none of these interesting things. They just stand about waiting to be climbed on and ridden off. Horses, I have now decided, are imbued with a single virtue — they have a highly-developed flair for public relations.

Putting aside the depressing large proportion of the population which seeks out the company of horses, because equine companionship demonstrates membership of the middle classes, horses are popular because of the false image of themselves which they have insinuated into our literature. All mounts are noble, all chargers are gallant, all steeds faithful.

Browning told us that whatever the good news was that was carried from Aix to Ghent, the horses which carried the men who carried it expired in devoted exhaustion as soon as their essential work was done. If he had gone on to explain that the avaricious French sold their carcasses for human consumption, he would not have been the sort of man whom Elizabeth Barratt was prepared to marry.

Have you ever heard of a cowboy being betrayed by his palomino, or a damsel in distress being deserted by her palfrey? Admittedly Alice's White Knight was always being thrown from the saddle. But the Knight was Gladstone and the horse was *Ireland — so the usual rules* do not apply.

The usual rules are that literary horses are kind and gentle. They do not exploit; they are exploited. Black Beauty is beaten by the coal-heaver who originally owned her. The dream house in Crime and Punishment personifies (or horsifies) the man to whom man is inhuman. Scarlet O'Hara whips her horse into coronary collapse and the audience at the matinee of Gone With The Wind forget about Atlanta being burned to the ground and its citizens being harried by Sherman's victorious army. All that matters is the heaving flanks and rolling eyes between the shafts. And when William Makepeace Thackeray created the most selfless character in English literature who loves and is deserted, but never allows his devotion to waver, the nickname by which he is known is Dobbin.

I suppose that the irrational affection for horses, which characterises sane adults who have spent all their lives in cities, is the result of childhood indoctrination. We were rocked on them. We are promised rides on their plebian half brothers when we went for a summers' week by the sea. In our picture books, they carried the heroes of the empire, won the West, and pulled the crepe-draped gun carriages on days of royal mourning. The Light Brigade would not have travelled half a league onward without them. And the stories which we read about pit ponies were stories of hard work and sacrifice. No wonder that Lloyds Bank want to associate themselves in the public mind with a horse.

That great black stallion is, of course, very unlike a bank in its character and behaviour. It runs wild and free over the open countryside, pausing only to exhibit its perfect profile from a vantage point on the skyline. But by its behaviour it associates the cheque books and overdrafts with the rural longings which are said to bubble about inside all city dwellers. It also produces subconscious thoughts of power and status. For horses *are the preserve of the privileged*. Peasants walk, which, no doubt, accounts for the middle class obsession with hard hats, jodhpurs and knee-high boots. My only wish is that they would keep their horses out of the cities where I spend my time.

I recall being out to lunch one Sunday with the late John Newsome, author of the *report on primary education* which bore his name. Halfway through the soup, two horses appeared outside the urban window. "I trust," said Sir John, "that they come from a circus. I should not like to be in the sort of suburb where people ride."

Amen to that.

Does the merger of building societies foreshadow home loan big brothers?

NOTEBOOK

Edited by Peter Rodgers

IF TWO building societies are both very large and very successful, like the Nationwide and Woolwich, what is to be gained from putting them together?

Mr Tim Melville-Ross, who will become chief executive of the merged society, said "sheer size and strength" are vital for societies which plan to throw themselves wholeheartedly into the broader financial services and banking arena to be opened up by new legislation. Bigger resources make large investments in technology, people and products that much easier.

The Nationwide already has more branches, in relation to its size, than any other society and the "Woolwich Nationwide" would have 950 if it failed to rationalise, which would be 200 more than the Halifax, the largest society in terms of deposits.

Rank and position are important to building societies. Even the mighty Halifax, far larger than the Abbey National which is in second position, would not tolerate losing its pre-eminence.

How much more must the Nationwide, which although number three is only half the size of the Abbey, want to strengthen its position. After all, the Alliance and Leicester building societies are creating a new number four society right behind it.

What the merged London societies will gain most visibly is power to influence interest rates. Until now, even the Halifax and Abbey combined do not have the size to go their own way on rates when they want a reduction.

Savers are extraordinarily rate conscious these days (encouraged by the societies' own extensive advertising campaigns) and if one society started paying less, even for a couple of weeks, the rush on the society to withdraw would be calamitous.

The possibility of the Halifax, Abbey and "Woolwich Nationwide" acting together is a new development for the industry. These three will have a combined share of 51 per cent of the market. They will be in a strong position to dictate building society interest rates.

If, as the "Woolwich Nationwide" insists, all this is essential to viability, what of those lesser societies which cannot join the giants? Tim Melville-Ross forecasts that eventually there will be only eight or 10 "mega-societies" and a scattering of small local ones.

This will make for a few very powerful individuals who could control not only what we pay for our houses but where and how we live. The Office of Fair Trading, which is currently looking at the proposed merger to establish if there is any monopoly problem, should bear this in mind.

Implied threat

JOHNSON Matthey Plc has done marginally better than anybody expected, so why did it get away with paying only a £50 million once and for all contribution to the losses of its subsidiary Johnson Matthey Bankers? After all, its share price valued it at £126 million last night. Yet we as taxpayers are contributing £34 million towards the losses, and the same again is to be paid from the profits of City banks. Surely Johnson Matthey could have afforded the lot?

Market capitalisation is in fact a rather misleading way of looking at whether the company could afford more. It reflects, of course, the happy circumstance (for shareholders) that the payment was a final one. The key to how much it could actually afford on that fateful day in October lies rather with the borrowings, which show a different picture altogether.

The £50 million payment, added to the loss of JMB's entire £102 million capital and reserves, knocked the parent company's reserves from £196 million to £26 million over the year to the end of March. Its net assets, the value of the company when its assets and liabilities are set against each other, amounted to only £205 million at the end of March, after a considerable amount of reconstruction work. Borrowings however were £227 million, after paying off £51 million since January and reducing drawings on a £250 million standby loan arranged in October to zero.

Therefore it was still looking vulnerable and has just raised some more cash to ease its situation. Back in October, the picture was far worse. The reason why major shareholder Charter Consolidated stepped in to help was that Johnson Matthey simply could not find even £50 million in cash to pay the Bank of England without help from Charter, which agreed to take a larger shareholding.

The threat therefore was a three level one. Charter would not get deeper involved if Johnson Matthey had an open ended commitment to meeting JMB losses. Johnson Matthey believed it would go into receivership if this was the case, and if it got no help from its main shareholder, which would leave the Bank of England with an even bigger mess on its hands.

A number of the City bankers who have since had to pay part of JMB's losses believe that there was also an implied threat of a much more brutal kind. Amazingly, the letter of the law entitled Johnson Matthey to walk away from the debts of its subsidiary and leave it to rot. Unpopular though it would have been for ever more, this might have happened if it had been the only way to survive.

All very difficult to argue against, except for one point: why could not the Bank of England have been given rights to a stake in the enlarged equity of Johnson Matthey Plc. The cost would have been merely a dilution of the stake of existing shareholders, but the reward would be a share in the recovery which could have paid back the taxpayers. After all, the share price has already risen by half since the low point.

Whoa, there

CONSTERNATION turned to rueful relief at brokers W. I. Carr (Overseas) also known in the City as Wico — when the firm's team of talented analysts realised why it had done so badly in the prestigeous "Ranking of UK Investment Analysts." This £110-per-copy "Top of the Pops" showed the team placed no better than third in the Far Eastern sections where it usually shines. But look! Here was W. I. Carr and another firm called Wico listed seperately. The embarrassed publisher — Extel has done its sums again and a re-printed version will show Wico as the winner in the Hong Kong and South East Asian sections and second in Japan. A case where unity was strength.

Disappointing half-year results throw stock market into confusion

Britoil sell-off likely to be a cliff-hanger

By John Hooper, Energy Correspondent

Britoil yesterday set a poser for the City and the Chancellor, simultaneously releasing a disappointing set of half-yearly results and a rosy forecast for end-of-year profits and dividends.

At the end of this month, the Treasury is expected to offer for sale its remaining stake in the company worth almost £500 million. Judging by yesterday's news, it is going to be a cliff-hanger.

The stock market's confusion was reflected in the way that Britoil's share price bobbed up and down during the day. Opening at 216p, it plummeted to 205p, jumped back to 211p, and then closed at 208p — 7p below the level at which the government sold its first block in November, 1982.

At first sight, the results are disappointing. City analysts had been predicting an after-tax profit of £100 million or over. Britoil could only manage £91.4 million, and that was despite the fact that throughout the period sliding dollar oil prices were more than compensated for by the fall in the pound. The interim dividend is to be 4p.

There again, Sir Philip Shelbourne's company has perhaps the most conservative accounting methods of any British oil company and lacklustre half-yearly results are not necessarily an indication of a poor 12-month performance.

In a glossy preliminary prospectus aimed at the small investor, Britoil forecast that it would increase its annual profit from £109 to £190 million and be able to declare a dividend of 13p.

This forecast, however, is based on an assumption that the average sterling realisation of a barrel of oil during the coming six months will be £20. With the pound at $1.39 and the cost of a barrel of Brent down to $26.50 yesterday, the real figure — for the moment at least — is closer to £19.

Worse, the linkeage between the rate of sterling and the price of oil which has sheltered British oil companies from the international oil price slump has been broken recently. Until about a month ago each fall in the dollar price of oil had been accompanied by an even greater proportional fall in the rate of the pound to the dollar, and this had the effect of boosting the value to the companies of each barrel they sold when its price was translated from dollars into sterling.

As an extra sweetener, it was disclosed yesterday that existing shareholders will be given preference in the allocation on the basis of one share for every five held immediately before impact day.

Sir Philip Sherbourne sets a poser for Chancellor Lawson

Johnson Matthey counts cost

By Margareta Pagano, City Correspondent

THE Johnson Matthey Bankers fiasco cost Johnson Matthey, the precious metals to chemicals group, £152 million in extraordinary charges.

These extraordinary losses cover the once and all £50 million payment to JMB when it was nationalised by the Bank of England last year and the write-off of assets in JMB of £102 million. Total losses of £176.3 million include further costs associated with the closure of JM's US jewellery operation for £16.5 million and another £8.6 million to pay for refinancing and reorganisation.

News of the losses came with far better than expected full year results for year to March. At the pre-tax level profits fell sharply to £20.1 million but were some £4 million higher than the most pessimistic market forecasts.

Last year pre-tax profit was £36.6 million. This left losses attributable to shareholders at £164.9 million against losses last time of £18.7 million. Shares in JM responded with a 12p rise to 95p where the group is valued at around £120 million.

JM has managed to trim its debt levels since hiving off JMB. It has cut borrowings by £137 million while the controversial rights issue in December reduced money borrowings by another £24 million. In the last quarter of the year net money borrowings were cut another £51 million to £227 million.

All drawings under the special £250 million standby facility were repaid at the end of the financial year. The refinancing agreement is due to run out at the end of this month and JM is well into discussions with its bankers about new medium facilities. JM has also tied up, in principle, a private placing with institutions of £25 million of floating rate debt in the range of 110p to 120p a share over five years.

Shareholders will not be receiving a dividend, although JM says the position will be reviewed later in the year. JM's new chief executive, Mr Eugene Anderson, said further reorganisation may be needed, but added there is plenty of scope for improvements in profitability and reducing debt levels.

Most parts of JM's business traded well and operating profit was down just £2.4 million at £45.3 million.

Eugene Anderson

Small rise in RPI cheers government

By Christopher Huhne, Economics Editor

A small rise in retail prices of only 0.2 per cent over the month to June left the annual inflation rate unchanged at 7 per cent, much to the relief of ministers who had been bracing themselves for worse.

Mr Tom King, the Employment Secretary, said there might be a slight rise in the annual rate in July but there should be a "turning point" with the August figures likely to show a significant fall.

The low monthly increase in prices reflects both the bunching of price rises earlier in the year and the recent rebound of sterling, which has led to four months of declining raw materials prices for companies.

It now seems possible that the inflation rate, which has increased from 4.6 per cent in December, may have peaked — if last year's 0.1 per cent drop in prices due to seasonal food bargains can be matched this month.

The rise in prices in August is almost certainly going to be less than last year's 0.9 per cent rise, which was boosted by an increase in the mortgage rate. So the annual rate should fall back sharply.

Employment Department officials said yesterday that the government is still sticking to its budget forecast of 5 per cent inflation rate in the fourth quarter, though this may prove rather more difficult to attain than a more modest reversal.

Strong sterling itself cuts imports prices, and may also allow further cuts in interest rates and thus the retail price index. But there are still concerns, recently expressed by the Bank of England, that the recent spurt of inflation may have encouraged the upwards drift of pay settlements.

In addition, firms are less able to absorb such cost rises since productivity growth has slowed down, although not quite as speedily on recently revised figures as the earlier series suggested.

Britain is now once again near the top of the international league table on inflation, with the 7 per cent rate in May exceeded only by Sweden (8.2 per cent), Italy (9.4 per cent), Spain (10.2 per cent) and Greece (17 per cent) among the developed industrial countries.

Britain's major trade rivals all have lower inflation rates, resulting in a loss of price competitiveness for British producers unless the exchange rate of the pound is allowed to fall. The recent rise in the pound, though good news on inflation, is bad news for growth and jobs.

The inflation figures, one of the highest of the year, is also good news for British Telecom shareholders, since the company is allowed to raise its prices by the June inflation rate minus 3 percentage points.

The official tax and price index which measures the rise in pre-tax pay needed to keep up with prices rose by 6.4 per cent over the year to June while average earnings in the year to April — the latest figures — rose by 9.4 per cent or 7½ per cent once distortions are ironed out.

Coup for Kleinwort Benson

By Margareta Pagano

The City revolution's game of musical chairs resumed yesterday when Kleinwort Benson revealed it had recruited a senior team of equity dealers from jobbers Wedd, Durlacher, now part of the Barclays, De Zoete, Wedd securities house.

There is just a hint of revenge in the coup since it was only a few weeks ago that BZW pulled off a masterly stroke by enticing one of Kleinwort's vice-chairmen, Mr Martin Jacomb, to head up the new BZW grouping.

Mr Jacomb is believed to have tried to persuade Kleinwort to do a deal with Wedd, Durlacher early on in the City revolution before it had joined up with Barclays. Instead, it chose brokers Grieveson, Grant. This was not, however, the reason for his departure.

The Wedd team, led by two senior partners, three other partners, and three "marzipan" traders, will be joining Grieveson's new equity market-making operation. The two senior partners are, Mr Charles Hue Williams, who will be bringing his oil sector traders, and Mr William Mellen. They will not be joining Kleinwort's until next April under partnership agreements but the others join next month.

Kleinwort and Grieveson have yet to decide how large the equity market-maker will be or how many it will employ. The Wedd team will be in charge of building up the enterprise.

Hattersley wants 'public sector balance sheet'

By Christopher Huhne

Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's Shadow Chancellor, yesterday proposed a radical change in the government's targeting of the "bizarre and unique" borrowing requirement and its replacement by a range of more relevant indicators of the state's economic influence.

In an important speech which breaks new policy ground, Mr Hattersley outlined a key part of Labour's alternative strategy towards the financial markets and has aligned himself with some of the most sophisticated of the new Keynesian economists.

Among his suggestions is that the government should publish each year a public sector balance sheet which would allow the markets to assess the government like a company — by looking not only at its borrowing and liabilities but at its assets.

His scathing attack on the government's "mystical belief" in crude targets and its sale of public assets pointed out that either taxes will have to go up again or public spending be cut once the sale of assets dries up.

The main thrust of Mr Hattersley's argument at a Financial Times conference was that increased state borrowing would not in itself raise interest rates, which were high because of the government's desire to maintain a strong pound.

Nor would it 'crowd out" private sector activity unless the economy was approaching full employment of resources. Supporting monetary and other policies could ensure that there was no inflation resulting from increased borrowing.

Mr Hattersley intends to spell out Labour's plans for nominal targets — effectively for controlling inflation — in the autumn. The maintenance of international confidence required a convincing borrowing policy, but discipline would be exercised by reference to the ratio of government debt to national output.

Pasta war averted

From Alex Scott in Brussels

A major dispute between the EEC and the US over trade in pasta seems to have been avoided as a result of a political agreement reached yesterday between the two sides. As a result, the EEC is set to reduce export subsidies on pasta to the US and the US has agreed to drop a long running complaint to GATT.

Under the agreement reached between the EEC Trade Commissioner, Mr Willy de Clercq, and the US trade representative, Mr Clayton Yeutter, there will be a four-month moratorium in the dispute over EEC exports of pasta to the US. Half of US imports of pasta came from the EEC, the vast majority from Italy.

US restrictions on pasta imports were due to come into force a week ago, and the EEC was on the point of bringing in retaliatory measures to increase import tariffs on lemons and nuts from the US this weekend, until the agreement was reached.

In spite of new moves by the EEC to defuse problems over trade in steel, tensions between the two sides remain high. On Monday, the US administration is threatening to go ahead with sweeping increases in tariffs on a wide range of EEC steel exports, in the face of an ever-increasing trade deficit with the outside world.

Debenhams revalued

By Geoffrey Gibbs

Debenhams eagerly awaited property revaluation has produced a surplus of only £7.5 million over book values.

The department stores combine which is fighting a £460 million takeover bid from the Burton Group disclosed last night that the valuation carried out by Conrad Ritblat and Co showed an aggregate UK property value of £275.32 million. Overseas properties have been valued by the directors at £708,000.

The valuation, which compares with a combined book value of just under £268.5 million, met with a snort of derision from the Burton camp which, under the City's takeover rules, has until the end of next week to decide whether or not to raise its offer.

In their formal defence document the Debenhams directors headed by Mr Robert Thornton listed the group's "valuable portfolio of freehold and long leasehold properties" as one of the group's strengths. Instant reaction from Burton last night was that an appreciation of 1 per cent per annum in the value of the portfolio was "not much of a return."

Mr Thornton last night again urged shareholders to reject Burton's share and cash offer. He claimed the current share price was well supported by the group's profit and dividend forecasts.

Unions urge BT to buy British

By David Simpson, Business Correspondent

The three main white-collar unions, ASTMS, Tass and Apex, yesterday joined together to launch a campaign to persuade British Telecom to buy British to stem a possible flood of job losses in the UK telecommunications industry.

The unions' move has been provoked both by reductions in the BT level of orders for the new System X digital exchanges produced by GEC and by Plessey, and by the award in March of an order to Thorn-Ericsson for the second generation of digital exchanges which will largely be manufactured overseas.

The unions are particularly concerned at growing speculation that GEC and Plessey are considering merging their telecommunications divisions to counter the falling level of BT orders for System X and the companies' failure to market the system successfully overseas. A merger, they believe, would lead to substantial redundancies.

The ASTMS national officer, Mr Tim Webb, said yesterday that the white-collar unions would seek to involve the telecommunications industry's manual unions in their campaign, which will include lobbying MPs. It is hoped that all workers at the UK's three main exchange suppliers to BT, Plessey, GEC and STC, will join the campaign.

Mr Webb also said that a meeting would be sought with the chairman of BT, Sir George Jefferson. At a meeting with the BT chairman two years ago, the group pledged itself to buy British equipment unless it was technically impossible. Mr Webb said, but the decision to place the Thorn-Ericsson order had breached that agreement.

Miquel comes out fighting as bell rings

By Geoffrey Gibbs

The battle for the future of Scotch whisky distiller Arthur Bell and Sons was joined in earnest yesterday as claim and counter-claim, insult and counter-insult flew between the company and unwelcome bidders Guinness.

Guinness, which launched a £300 million takeover offer for the Perth-based company last month, fired off the first volley in the shape of a letter to Bell's shareholders arguing that the Bell's board had lost its way and did not have the management capability to develop the business in the 1980s and beyond.

The letter was designed to steal the thunder of Bell's formal defence document which duly appeared with the promise of a big increase in dividends and the dismissal of the Guinness offer as "wholly inadequate and unacceptable."

Guinness parried by repeating its assertion that Bell's UK market share had been falling consistently for five years and that the group did not have an effective export strategy. The assertions about Guinness contained in the defence document were, Guinness added, "totally irrelevant and misleading."

After weighing up the evidence as presented the stock market lifted Guinness shares 4p to 250p and clipped 2p off the Bell's price to 231p. On that basis Bell shares are still out of reach of the Guinness offer — now worth 225p

In rejecting the offer Bell's chairman Mr Raymond Miquel predicts an increase in dividends for the year to June 1985 "in the order of 50 per cent." Though giving no precise figure he repeats his earlier forecast that profits for the year just ended topped the £35.2 million reported a year ago.

He said whisky exports had incresed by 19 per cen during the year while UK sales of Bell's Extra Special — the UK market leader — were up by 5 per cent in the first six months of 1985.

Sniping at the bidders' own performance he alleged that Guinness's new management under chief executive Ernest Saunders had failed to improve brewing margins and that the group's share of the British beer market declined from 4.9 per cent to 4.2 per cent last year.

Ernest Saunders (left) and Raymond Miquel . . . locked in battle

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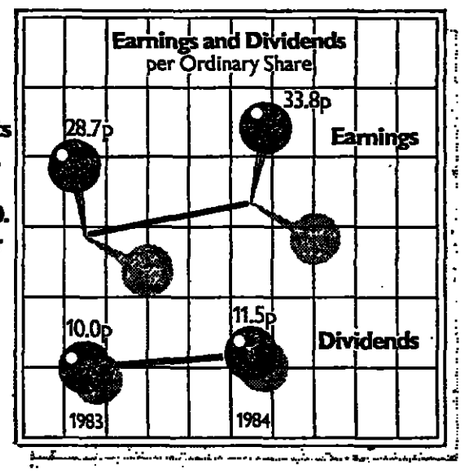

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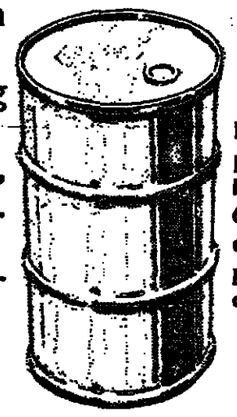

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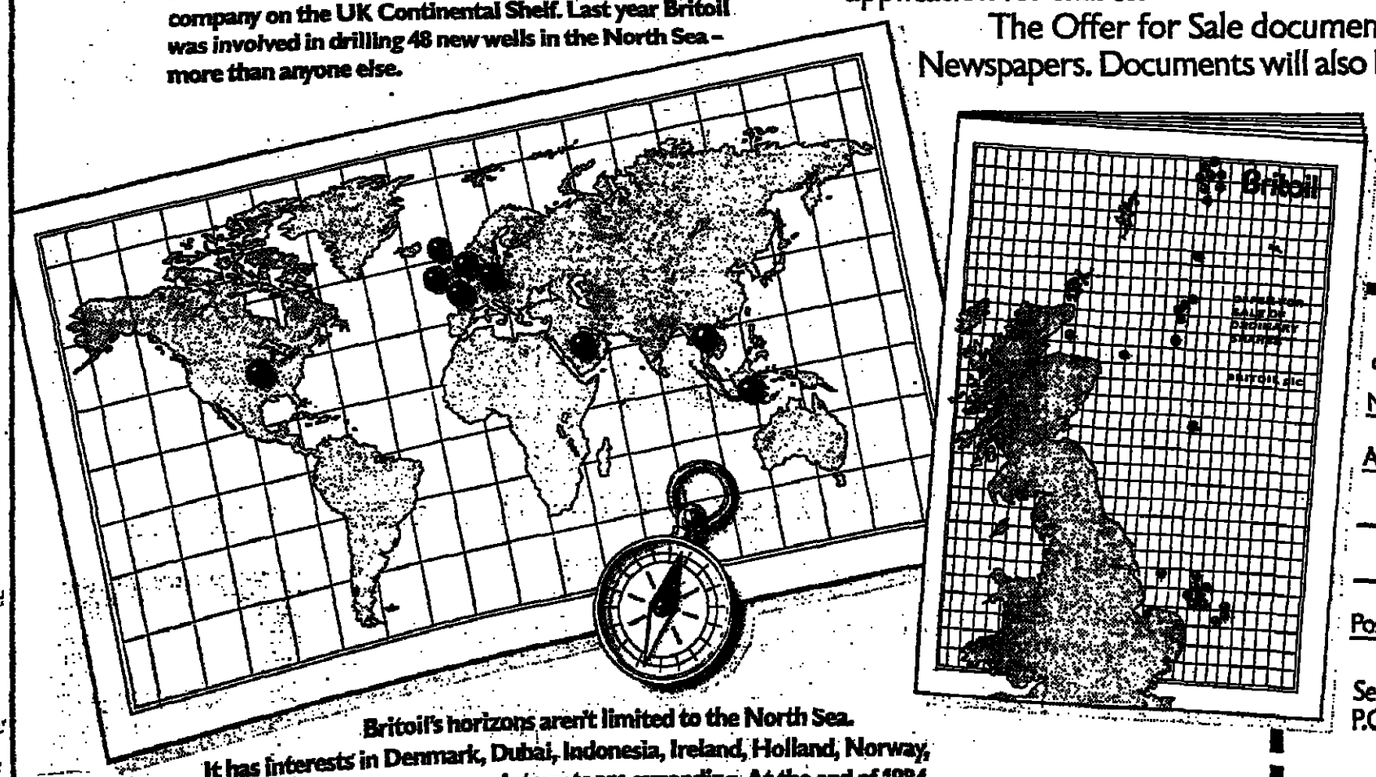

Britoil's horizons aren't limited to the North Sea. It has interests in Denmark, Dubai, Indonesia, Ireland, Holland, Norway, Thailand and the U.S. And its overseas interests are expanding. At the end of 1984 Britoil's worldwide reserves stood at 554,000,000 barrels of oil and 916 billion cubic feet of gas.

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COMPANY BRIEFING

Ho Jo problems hurt Imperial

Imperial Group, the Players cigarettes, Courage beers and Golden Wonder crisps combine, was nursing a nasty hangover yesterday as the stock market awoke to the bitter taste left by this week's interim profits announcement.

Imps shares fell 8p to a new 1985 low of 162p at one stage, making a two-day fall of 17p since the group rolled out a disappointing 6 per cent rise in first-half profits. They later recovered to 166p.

Concern about the second-half outlook for tobacco and food division profits is being *compounded by worries over* the continuing millstone of the Howard Johnson subsidiary in America, where losses trebled in the opening six months of *the financial year.*

Imperial Group directors have been carrying out a review of the troublesome hotels, motor lodges and restau*rants operation for the best* part of a year but to the City's increasing frustration they appear no nearer to deciding how to resolve the situation.

Imps is talking to a number of — mainly — American companies about the future of Ho Jo but is steadfastly maintaining the public line that it has *not decided whether to retain* the business.

Imps acquired Ho Jo for $630 million almost six years ago when the pound was $2.40. *The subsequent decline in sterling* means Imps can still expect to sell the business and make a profit in sterling terms.

Mr Colin Mitchell, outspoken brewing analyst at stockbroker Buckmaster and Moore, makes the point that the continued delay in reaching a decision means the group will recoup considerably less than it might have done earlier this year.

Since mid-February, when Imps announced its 1984 results and talked about making a decision "as soon as possible," sterling had risen from $1.09 to $1.37, reducing the sterling value of Ho Jo by *20 per cent.*

Buckmaster and Moore believes the announcement of any decision about the future of Ho Jo may be several months away.

"If this situation is correct," the brokers comment, "it implies that any earlier 'serious buyers' either did not like the price suggested and/or the type of activities in which Ho Jo is engaged."

Buckley's keeps calm

BUCKLEY'S, the West Wales brewer, is taking a relaxed attitude towards the recent stake building carried out by *Mr Nazmu Virani's Belhaven* Brewery Group.

The Scottish real ale brewer has been picking up shares in the Llanelli-based *group this* month and has lifted its holding to just over a million shares. At current stock market prices the 7½ per cent stake is worth *around £775,000.*

Buckley's chairman, Mr Griffith Philipps, said the only contact with Belhaven had been two letters announcing the share purchases.

With 8 per cent of the shares held by the Buckley family and a further 30 per cent controlled by long-standing shareholders Whitbread and Britannic Assurance, he did not appear unduly concerned about the prospect of a takeover bid.

"I can't quite see what Mr Virani is trying to do beyond stake building," the Buckley's chairman said. *There had been no suggestion of a trading link-up.*

Belhaven directors were not immediately available to comment.

Buckley's, which has a stake of almost 50 per cent in fellow Welsh brewer Felinfoel, pushed up profits from £845,000 to £935,000 last year but the directors have warned that results for the first six months of the current period will show a decline because of the poor spring weather and the miners' strike.

Buckley's shares have risen strongly since Belhaven started its buying spree. They closed 1p up at 76p yesterday compared with the 50p at which they were changing hands two weeks ago.

Clay snubs £12m offer

McCorquodale, the security printing, publishing and packaging firm, has made a £12.2 million all-share bid for Richard Clay, which prints Penguin and Mills & Boon books among others. The bid has been rejected as "totally inadequate."

McCorquodale is offering 10 of its shares for 11 Clay. McCorquodale's share eased 5p yesterday to 150p, so its bid values Clay at 136.4p a share, against 144p in the market after a 49p jump yesterday. Clay shareholders have the option of selling their McCorquodale shares for 130p cash.

McCorquodale's chief executive, Mr John Wood, said, "We think that together we can offer a better service to publishers. There is an increasing polarisation in publishing, with larger publishers getting larger through growth and acquisitions, requiring a greater need for investment in ad*vanced technology on the part* of printers."

McCorquodale approached Clay about three weeks ago in the hope of persuading its rival to agree to the bid. Clay thinks that "more of the same" is not particularly to its advantage, and certainly not at the offer price.

Charles Birchall, Clay's chairman, said, "We are already the leaders in book manufacture and we think a merger would jeopardise our relations with publishers, particularly in paperbacks. We have about 35 per cent of that market, so that with McCorquodale we would control over *60 per cent.*"

McCorquodale's timing is astute. A number of problems with plant in Singapore and at Fakenham have resulted in a poor profits record at Clay. It lost £452,000 pre-tax in 1981 but achieved a £1.32 million profit in 1984, up from £12 million the year before.

Clay is likely to emphasise in its defence document that its bright young management team has eliminated lossmakers and that its core business is attractive. Clay has also spent nearly £4 million on new plant and technology in the last two years. Why should McCorquodale reap the benefits? it asks.

The success of the bid rests with the institutions. Over 70 per cent of Clay's equity is held by the likes of the National Coal Board (5.5 per cent) and Refuge Assurance (6.3 per cent).

Elswick losses up

The size of the problem facing the reconstructed board of Elswick Hopper is made clear by a jump in losses from £217,000 to nearly £1 million *in 1984.*

Mr Harold Cross, the new chairman, who put up £925,000 in October in return for a 23 per cent stake in the UK's No. 2 *bicycle maker* and agricultural machinery group, considers that break-even may be reached next year.

This pre-supposes that *Elswick's markets hold up,* that the economy stays firm and that the weather is kind to its grass-cutting business.

Bank borrowings are declin*ing and stock levels are down* but the cash injection has been swallowed up. It seems that the old board, supported by the auditors, felt in October that the group had enough working capital, but this forecast has proved unrealistic and most of the new cash was absorbed keeping the group within its bank limits.

The new board's recovery programme has shown signs of paying off in the first few months of the year. The agricultural division has been consistently profitable, while the group's Falcon bicycles division is capable of becoming profitable within a "reasonable period."

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Cheerless day closes an eventful account

THE MARKETS

From a very quiet opening half-hour, stock markets began to take a turn *for the worse as* an eventful account came to an end, although an expected base rate cut failed to materialise. Early gains in the elec*tronics sector were soon* reversed, and leaders ended the day with falls to double figures in places.

The results from Britoil, issued along with the prospectus for the sale of the remaining 49 per cent stake held by the government, disappointed markets, which had been going for around *£100 million* at least in post-tax profits. The actual figure, showing £91.4 million, lifted the shares very briefly before sending them down as low as 205p, prior to a slight rally which saw them close a net 5p off at 211p.

This did not help an already demoralised market, beset by worries about inflation and still disturbed by the problems and shake-out in the electronics sector. Without a base rate cut to provide some cheer, the FTSE index showed a fall of 12.6 at the close of trading on the market floor, though this was off the bottom, and late interest in the new account helped this trend further.

Gilt-edged securities were encouraged by the continuing strength of the pound and the prospect of cheaper money, gaining up to a half a point at best in the conventionals. Index-linked stocks gave up a quarter, however, as the retail prices index for June revealed that inflation held steady at 7 per cent.

Among the big dollar earners to lose ground on that currency's weakness, ICI fell 18p to 694p. Elsewhere, better-than-expected profits from the recently beleaguered precious metals and chemicals concern.

Builders were one of the only sectors to gain ground *yesterday, still* firm on hopes for the government's spending plans on the road and buildings infrastructure.

Taylor Woodrow, for instance, *closed 10p* firmer at 433p. Elsewhere results from TSL Thermal Syndicate saw the shares slashed by 32p to 235p after the chairman mentioned that recent reports of a downturn in world demand for semi-conductor products would affect the company.

Otherwise banks and insurances, though off the bottom in late trading, witnessed falls, and consumer sectors such as stores also suffered.

Main changes: Britoil 211p, down 5p; *Richard Clay 144p, up* 49p; *ICI 694p*, down 18p; Taylor Woodrow 443p, up 10p; TSL Thermal 235p, down 10p; McCorquodale 150p, down 5p; *Johnson Matthey 95p, down 12p*; Prudential 634p, down 15p.

Turnover for Thursday, July 11, was: number of bargains 18,617; value £400.371 million.

● Frankfurt: Share prices closed sharply lower in active, nervous trading with car issues recording some of the steepest declines. The Commerzbank index shed 26.3 points to finish at 1397.7.

● Paris: French shares rose in moderate trading as investors responded to interest rate news. *The general market indicator finished with a 0.58 per* cent gain. Advancing issues led declines 108 to 68, with 19 French issues unchanged.

● Tokyo: Shares declined for the fifth successive day as an unrelenting selling of blue chips continued to weaken the market. Nikkei index: 12,839.49 (12,858.10).

● Hong Kong: Shares rose for the third day running in active, choppy trading. *They hit their best levels in more than a month. Hang Seng index*: 1615.78 (1597.81).

● Money markets: The markets spent the day waiting for the cut in base rates from the clearers which in the event failed to materialise. Period rates pushed on further, looking for the next cut to beyond 12 per cent. *There are signs the bank may wish to curb* this excess enthusiasm.

FT Ordinary Share Index down 804 at 926.0. FT-SE 100 Index: Pound: $1.3887; DM: 4.00; Fr 12.17. Gold: $316.25. Account: *July 1 to 12* FT All Share Index down 3.88 to 593.91. Sterling Index 83.4 (1975=100). RPI 376.4 (June) up 7 per cent on year.

COMMODITIES

Copper: Cash £1,047 per tonne; three months £1,053 per tonne.
Tin: Cash £9,065 per tonne; three months £9,058 per tonne.
Lead: Cash £288 per tonne; three months £292 per tonne.
Zinc: Cash £515 per tonne; three months £505 per tonne.
Silver: Spot 438p per troy oz; three months 450p.
Rubber: Spot 68p per kilo; Aug £750 per tonne; Sept £750 per tonne; Oct £770 per tonne.
Coffee: July £1,640 per tonne; Sept £1,672 per tonne; Nov £1,715 per tonne; Jan £1,750 per tonne; Mar £1,765 per tonne; May £1,786 per tonne.
Cocoa: July £1,741 per tonne; Sept £1,696 per tonne; Dec £1,690 per tonne; Mar £1,695 per tonne; May £1,712 per tonne; July £1,726 per tonne.

UNIT TRUSTS

Fund	Bid	Offer
Abbey Unit Trust		
American	a135.0	143.6
Comm & Energy	65.8	70.7
General	100.0	107.0
Gilt & Fxd	a112.0	118.5
Hi Income	a68.8	73.2
Japan	139.2	149.7
UK Grwth	68.0	73.1
Worldwide	142.9	152.0
Allied Dunbar		
Allied Cap	180.1	190.8
Allied 1st	162.1	172.6
Am Spec Sits	57.4	61.1
Assets	161.4	171.9
Equity	a98.7	105.1
Far East	117.0	124.0
Growth	100.0	106.5
Gov Secs	28.5	29.7
Balanced	a270.0	287.5
do Acc	408.0	434.5
High Inc	183.6	195.5
High Yld	112.5	119.8
Income Ex	a96.4	102.2
Internatl	58.4	62.2
Japan	54.1	57.6
Met Min Com	80.3	85.5
Overseas	a141.8	151.0
Pacific	a107.0	114.0
Recovery	55.1	58.7
Secs of Am	a176.4	187.9
Smaller Cos	a91.1	97.0
Sec Smaller	122.2	130.1
Small Co Ex	157.6	167.1
Technology	71.3	75.3
USA Exempt	287.9	305.2
Arbuthnot Securities		
Comm Sh	73.1	78.1
East & Int	87.5	93.5
Fin & Prop	43.1	49.3
Foreign Grwth	a57.0	60.9
High Inc	54.4	58.1
N Am & Int	a74.7	79.8
Pref Share	a25.8	27.5
Smaller Cos	94.3	100.8
Archway		
Archway Fd	a195.2	206.9
Barclays Unicorn		
America	75.4	80.2
Australia	a84.7	90.7
do Acc	131.1	139.4
Capital	161.0	171.2
Exempt	304.9	324.3
Extra Inc	53.8	57.2
Financial	a176.1	187.3
500 Trust	190.5	202.6
General	102.3	108.7
Gilt & Fixed	a52.1	54.5
Gr Pacific	88.1	93.7
do Acc	89.0	94.6
Growth Accum	131.5	139.8
Income Trust	237.1	252.2
Recovery	134.7	143.2
Speci Sits	101.6	101.0
Trustee Fd	a79.5	84.5
Worldwide	a103.3	113.6
Baring Brothers		
Grth & Inc	459.7	489.2
do Acc	694.0	721.5
Bridge		
Income	104.0	113.7
Cap Inc	90.6	97.4
do Acc	116.6	125.4
Exempt	224.0	241.0
Britannia		
Am Growth	84.2	89.8
Am Small Cos	a22.5	24.0
Am Spec Sits	a66.6	71.0
Australian	63.3	67.5
Commod	130.4	139.1
Extra Inc	50.1	53.4
Far East	34.6	36.9
Gilt	a25.5	26.8
Gold & Gen	a20.9	22.5
Hong Kong Pref	a24.2	25.8
Inc & Gr	148.4	158.3
Jan	33.6	35.8
National	143.7	153.3
Preference	a17.2	18.3
Smaller Cos	114.3	121.9
Spec Mkt Sits	69.7	74.3
Uni Energy	54.1	57.7
World Tech	37.5	40.0
Nat Gilt	67.4	69.1
Nat High Inc	58.5	62.6
Brown Shipley		
Exempt	155.1	166.8
Financial	95.8	107.0
Growth	47.7	51.3
do Acc	143.8	154.6
High Inc	47.5	51.2
Income	54.8	58.9
N Amer	a51.4	55.3
Recovery	a25.3	27.8
Unit Fd	45.6	48.8
Canada Life		
Gen Dist	85.2	89.7
do Acc	130.2	136.8
Inc Dist	60.7	63.9
do Acc	118.9	125.0
Chieftain		
American	38.5	41.2
Australian	18.6	19.9
Gilt & Fxd	18.7	20.0
Global Mkts	29.1	31.2
High Inc	37.4	40.0
Inc & Growth	36.8	39.4
Internatl	a59.4	63.6
County Bank UT Mngrs		
Capital Acc	202.5	215.4
Extra Inc	120.4	128.0
Financial	a96.0	102.1
Growth	a203.3	216.2
Income	31.6	33.6
Smaller Cos	148.5	155.8
EFM Unit Managers		
American	60.0	64.2
High Dist	78.9	84.4
Internatl	14.1	151.0
Resources	21.2	22.7
Tokyo	86.7	92.7
Discretionary		
Income	a71.6	75.6
Equity & Law		
Eq & Law	171.4	182.3
Far East Acc	81.9	87.1
Gilts & Fixed	77.2	81.2
do Acc	87.8	92.4
High Inc	139.0	147.8
do Acc	165.7	176.2
N Am Acc	117.2	124.6
UK Growth	96.7	102.8
do Acc	108.1	115.0
Fidelity		
American	31.4	33.5
Am Spec Sits	47.0	50.3
Managed	86.9	92.5
Grwth & Inc	70.4	74.9
Japan	65.6	70.2
Max Inc Eq	54.4	58.2
Spec Sits	97.8	104.6
Framlington		
Amer & Gen	190.2	202.2
do Acc	192.2	204.4
Amer Trnrd	177.8	189.0
do Acc	183.6	195.2
Capital	152.6	162.2
do Acc	179.2	190.6
Conv & Gilt	a74.0	78.6
do Acc	94.0	100.0
Extra Inc	112.6	119.6
Income	a83.2	88.4
Inter Growth	133.8	142.2
do Acc	147.0	156.4
Japan & Gen	50.0	53.0
do Acc	50.2	53.4
Recovery	93.8	99.6
do Acc	99.2	105.4
Friends Provident		
Equity	150.4	159.1
do Acc	245.0	259.2
Fixed In	102.9	110.0
do Acc	112.1	119.8
Stewardship	125.7	137.0
do Acc	128.0	135.4
G & A Trust Managers		
G & A	85.3	90.4
Gartmore Fund Managers		
American	a78.2	83.6
British	37.5	40.2
Commodity	a59.8	64.0
Extra Inc	38.0	38.4
Far East	77.4	82.7
Gilt	a25.5	26.8
Global	107.3	114.2
High Inc	100.0	107.0
Inc	47.9	51.3
Insurance	33.98	36.46
Japan	a65.3	69.8
Special Sit	62.0	66.3
Govett		
American Grth	52.7	56.3
American Inc	60.2	64.3
Inte'nl Grth	57.3	61.2
Japan	81.6	87.2
Euro Grth	108.5	115.5
UK Spec Opps	63.6	68.0
Guardian Royal Exchange		
Gilt	114.6	119.1
Grwth Eq	147.3	156.8
Guardhill	219.2	227.1
N American	121.8	129.6
Pacific	127.5	135.7
Prop Share	151.5	161.2
Small Cos	155.0	164.9
G.T. Unit Managers		
Capital	69.0	73.9
European	131.0	140.2
Far East	67.6	72.4
Income	59.7	63.9
Internatl	107.8	115.3
Japan	122.6	131.2
Pension	125.0	130.9
Tech & Grth	65.0	69.6
US & Gen	50.0	53.5
Liquid Res	103.8	103.8
Henderson Administration		
Am Smaller Cos	48.1	52.0
Australia	59.9	63.8
Capital Grwth	44.3	47.9
do Acc	50.4	54.5
European	127.8	136.0
Euro Ex	258.5	272.1
Extra Inc	a117.8	127.3
Financial	93.0	99.0
Fixed	a52.8	55.6
Gilt	44.1	46.4
Global Tech	a84.3	88.9
High Inc	126.1	135.6
High Inc Ex	89.5	94.2
Inc & Assets	78.7	85.1
Inc & Grwth	a101.3	109.5
do Acc	a191.8	207.3
Internatl	106.5	113.4
Japan	77.2	82.6
Japan Ex	73.3	77.2
N American	131.7	142.4
N Amer Ex	77.6	81.7
Oil & Nat	67.9	71.6
Pref & Gilt	a47.8	50.9
Recovery	70.2	74.8
Smllr Cos Ex	85.6	90.1
Smllr Cos Div	74.4	79.2
Special Sit	90.6	97.9
do Acc	125.2	135.4
Worldwide	261.7	275.5
Hill Samuel		
British	389.5	410.4
Capital	73.3	78.0
Dollar	158.8	166.9
European	a61.9	65.9
Far East	76.5	81.4
Financial	244.6	260.3
Gilt & Fixed	27.7	28.8
do Growth	38.1	39.6
High Yld	a46.9	49.9
Income	58.9	62.7
Internatl	88.6	94.3
Japan Tech	a22.3	23.8
Nat Res	30.5	32.5
Security	130.5	138.9
Special Sit	70.0	74.5
James Finlay		
Fd of Invest	79.8	85.8
do Acc	116.5	125.2
High Inc	53.1	57.1
Wld Energy	14.9	16.0
do Acc	20.5	22.0
Key Fund Managers		
En and Gen	156.8	168.7
Fixed	56.3	60.5
Income	a154.4	166.1
Legal & General		
Equity	203.7	217.9
do Acc	319.0	331.6
Gilt	68.6	72.6
Lloyds Bank		
Balanced	138.0	147.5
do Acc	239.4	256.0
Energy	47.5	50.8
do Acc	51.0	54.5
Extra Inc	114.3	122.2
do Acc	197.7	211.4
Income	196.2	209.8
do Acc	372.9	398.8
N Amer	88.1	94.2
do Acc	93.6	100.1
Sm Cos & Reco	136.2	145.6
do Acc	150.3	160.7
World Grth	a132.8	142.0
do Acc	185.0	197.8
Midland		
Capital	a58.6	62.5
Com & Gen	107.1	114.2
Gilt & Fixed	a51.1	53.3
High Yld	111.8	119.2
Income	125.6	133.9
Japan & Pac	144.6	154.2
N American	a91.7	97.8
Overseas	a81.1	85.4
Minster		
Exempt	203.2	211.2
Minster	85.9	89.9
M & G Group		
American	189.2	202.4
do Acc	215.0	230.1
Amer Recov	216.2	231.3
do Acc	231.3	248.0
Australia	74.5	79.7
do Acc	80.6	86.2
Charibond	107.5	107.5
Charifund	288.6	291.5
Commodity	162.2	173.4
do Acc	207.2	221.7
Compound Grth	302.8	324.6
Conv Grth	245.1	260.9
Conv Inc	146.5	155.3
Dividend	a285.9	303.1
do Acc	808.2	857.7
European	a108.2	114.7
do Acc	128.6	136.3
Extra	162.9	172.7
do Acc	335.2	355.3
Far East	123.1	131.7
do Acc	147.8	158.1
Fd of Invest	177.4	189.0
do Acc	272.8	289.2
General	a432.9	458.9
do Acc	891.4	944.9
Gilt	57.3	60.2
do Acc	81.0	85.1
High Inc	a222.5	235.8
do Acc	578.8	613.5
Japan	405.8	432.2
do Acc	434.2	462.4
Int Growth	597.2	633.6
do Acc	928.0	983.7
Midland	388.1	411.4
do Acc	935.8	991.9
Pension	336.4	351.6
Recovery	a235.8	249.9
do Acc	299.4	317.4
2nd Gen	a500.0	530.0
do Acc	960.6	1018.2
Smllr Cos	492.9	527.4
do Acc	752.2	804.8
Trustee	315.8	339.1
National Provident		
Growth	150.7	160.4
do Acc	237.9	253.1
Overseas	407.2	430.9
do Acc	430.6	519.2
Oppenheimer Fund Management		
Practical	39.5	42.0
do Acc	69.8	74.3
Pearl		
Growth	59.3	63.1
do Acc	87.6	93.2
Income	84.8	90.2
Pearl	87.8	93.4
do Acc	148.4	157.9
Prolific		
Far East	99.5	106.6
Extra Inc	a58.8	63.1
High Inc	121.6	130.5
Internatl	80.8	86.6
N American	117.1	125.5
Spec Sits	a128.0	137.3
Technology	99.2	106.3
Prudential Trust		
Holborn Eq	305.4	324.8
Reliance Unit Trust		
British Life	127.4	134.7
Reliance Inc	81.4	87.0
do Acc	105.0	112.2
Ridgefield		
Income	a86.7	92.7
Internatl	a203.5	217.6
Rothschild Asset Management		
America	233.6	245.8
do Acc	248.2	261.2
Energy Res	154.5	162.6
Income	66.0	69.4
Smaller Cos	100.7	106.0
Save and Prosper Group		
Capital	a79.5	85.0
Comm Share	49.4	52.5
Energy Ind	48.7	51.8
European Grwth	56.4	60.0
Exploration	31.6	33.6
Financial	a70.0	74.8
Gilt Growth	74.9	75.8
Gilt Income	52.3	55.1
High Return	132.3	140.7
High Yld	115.7	123.0
Income	73.4	78.0
Internatl Bond	84.6	90.0
ITU	64.5	68.9
Japan Grth	46.5	49.4
Japan Smllr Co	66.9	71.5
New Tech	80.1	85.2
Scotbits	96.3	102.9
Scotshares	a121.5	129.2
Scotyield	113.7	120.9
SE Asia	91.8	97.6
Select Inter	56.2	60.1
Smaller Cos	112.1	119.2
Spec Sits	a69.6	73.7
UK Equity	129.0	137.9
Universal	61.3	65.2
US Growth	60.6	64.4
Schroder Unit Trust		
American	107.2	114.2
do Acc	108.5	115.7
Australian	55.7	59.2
do Acc	59.0	62.8
Europe	61.3	65.3
do Ac	62.2	66.3
UK Equity	a74.8	79.7
do Acc	112.5	121.0
Gilt & Fixed	53.4	56.3
do Acc	74.0	78.0
Income	a123.2	131.3
do Acc	264.8	282.2
Internatl	78.3	83.4
do Acc	107.6	114.7
Small Cos	a97.5	103.8
do Acc	101.4	108.0
Tokyo	107.6	114.7
do Acc	108.4	115.5
Pk & C Fund	451.9	491.7
Recovery	559.7	596.6
Spec Exempt	902.7	962.3
Scottish Widows		
Pegasus	169.7	180.6
do Acc	190.8	202.9
Sun Alliance		
Equity Trust		
Target Managers		
Amer Eagle	a64.8	69.3
Commodity	88.4	95.1
Energy	a39.9	42.7
Equity	a91.8	97.7
En Exempt	587.7	626.9
Extra Inc	87.1	93.2
Financial	189.0	201.6
Gilt Cap	216.9	227.1
Gilt Inc	102.7	107.5
Mal & Sing	22.3	23.8
Pacific	63.5	67.9
Preference	a15.6	16.9
Pref'nal	453.5	483.7
Special Sit	77.1	82.5
Worldwide Cap	a105.9	113.0
Trades Union		
T.U.U.T.	123.0	129.5
Transatlantic		
Coleneco	354.9	371.2
do Acc	566.8	592.7
Fieldfng	182.4	192.0
do Acc	198.1	208.5
Tyndall Managers		
Australian	60.7	65.0
do Acc	62.7	67.0
Capital	a247.8	262.8
do Acc	431.2	457.2
Exempt	216.2	230.4
do Acc	468.6	499.2
Far Eastern	114.2	122.6
do Acc	121.3	130.1
Fin & Prop	38.6	41.2
Gilt Cap	114.2	119.2
do Acc	125.5	130.5
Gilt Inc	a104.4	108.4
do Acc	157.2	163.4
High Yield	39.1	41.7
do Acc	81.3	86.6
Income	a169.0	179.2
do Acc	496.6	528.6
Intnl Grth	50.0	[illegible]
do Acc	57.3	[illegible]
Natural Res	133.6	[illegible]
do Acc	261.0	[illegible]
N American	a104.9	[illegible]
do Acc	119.1	[illegible]
Preference	109.0	[illegible]
do Acc	259.8	[illegible]
Smaller Cos Div	a43.0	[illegible]
do Acc	47.2	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	134.2	[illegible]
Special Sits	77.9	[illegible]
TSB Trust		
Extra Inc	82.6	[illegible]
General	a171.6	[illegible]
do Acc	180.8	[illegible]
Income	a154.4	[illegible]
do Acc	232.8	[illegible]
Intl	223.4	[illegible]
do Acc	271.9	[illegible]
Pacific	a104.5	[illegible]
Select Opp	43.8	[illegible]
do Acc	47.1	[illegible]
Vanguard Trust		
Vanguard Grth	129.1	[illegible]
do Acc	183.6	[illegible]
Vang High Yld	343.5	[illegible]
Vang Trust	95.4	[illegible]
do Acc	140.1	[illegible]
Wardley Unit Trust Mgrs		
American	a38.0	[illegible]
Australia	35.2	[illegible]
Nat Res	a40.9	[illegible]
Far East	60.9	[illegible]
Income	56.5	[illegible]
Japan	57.1	[illegible]
Small Cos	105.7	[illegible]
Technol	26.6	[illegible]
UK Trust	90.4	[illegible]
Euro Grth	25.8	[illegible]
Hong Kong	21.9	[illegible]

a Ex Dividend b Offer assented c Non assented d Ex capital e Ex rights f Price adjusted

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Stock	Price	+/-
British Funds		
(short) Treasury		
3pc 1989	80¾	
9½pc 88C	96⅝	
(medium) Transport		
3pc 78-88	86¼	
Treasury		
10pc C88	98¹³⁄₁₆	+¹⁄₁₆
Exchequer		
10pc 1989	a96⅞	+⅛
10½pc 1987	pp29⅛	
10½pc 1988	98⅞	+¹⁄₁₆
11pc 1990	a99⅞	+³⁄₁₆
11pc 1991	102⅛	+⅛
11¾pc 1986	100¹⁄₁₆	+¹⁄₁₆
12¼pc 1985	100¹⁄₁₆	
12¼pc 1990	104¹³⁄₁₆	+⅛
13½pc 1987	a102⅛	+¹⁄₁₆
10½pc 1987	99⅞	
13¼pc 1992	115¼	+⅛
13¼pc 1994	115⅝	+⅛
14pc 1986	103⁵⁄₁₆	+⅛
2½pc 1986	93¼	
Funding		
5¼pc 87-91	86¼	
6¼pc 85-87	93⅞	
Treasury		
10pc 1987	98⅛	
2pc IL 88	114⅛	-⅛
10½pc 1989	98³⁄₁₆	+⅛
3pc 1987	a90¼	
3pc 1986	a94⅞	+³⁄₁₆
5pc 86-89	84½	
7¼pc 85-88	a93⅞	
8¼pc 87-90	90⅞	+⅛
10pc C90	98	+⅛
8¼pc 84-86	97⅞	
9½pc C89	95⅛	+⅛
10pc 1992	99½	+⅛
10pc C92	99⅞	
10½pc 87C	a98⅞	+¹⁄₁₆
11¼pc 1989	101	+⅛
11½pc 1991	102⅞	+⅛
12pc 1988	100¹¹⁄₁₆	+¹⁄₁₆
13pc 1990	a107	+⅛
(long) Exchequer		
10¼pc 1995	a96	+⅛
10½pc 1997	102	+⅛
12pc 1998	110	+⅛
12pc 99-02	a108⅛	+⅛
12pc 13-17	118⅛	+⅛
12¼pc 1992	110⅛	+⅛
12¼pc 1999	114	+⅛
12½pc 1994	112⅞	+⅛
13¼pc 1996	116⅞	+⅛
15pc 1997	126⅞	+⅛
9¼pc 1998	a93⅞	+⅛
Funding		
6pc 1993	82⅞	+⅛
3½pc 99-04	a49⅞	
Treasury		
2pc IL 1996	111⅛	-⅛
2½pc IL 2001	a98⅞	-⅛
2pc IL 2006	a101⅞	-⅛
2½pc IL 16	a93⅛	-⅛
5½pc 08-12	62⅛	+⅛
6¾pc 95-8	76⅞	+⅛
7¾pc 12-15	a80	+⅛
8pc 02-06	84⅛	+⅛
8¼pc 1997	90⅞	+⅛
9pc 1994	a91⅞	+⅛
9pc 1992-6	92⅞	+⅛
9½pc 1999	a92⅞	+⅛
10pc C99	98⅛	+⅛
10½pc 1999	a100⅞	-⅛
11¼pc 01-04	111⅞	+⅛
10pc 04	30⅛	
11¾pc 03-07	a109⅞	+⅛
12pc 1995	a105	+⅛
12pc 1987	101¹¹⁄₁₆	+¹⁄₁₆
12½pc 1993	a107⅛	+⅛
12½pc 2005	117⅞	+⅛
12¾pc 1992	a107⅞	+⅛
12¾pc 1995	113	+⅛
13pc 2000	a116⅛	+⅛
13¼pc 1997	a114⅞	+⅛
13½pc 04-08	127⅞	+⅛
2pc IL 2009	98⅛	-⅛
2½pc IL 2011	104⅛	-⅛
2½pc IL 2013	85⅞	-⅛
13¼pc 1993	116¼	+⅛
13¼pc 00-03	a120⅞	+⅛
14pc 1996	a117⅞	+⅛
14pc 98-01	122⅛	+⅛
14¼pc 1994	124⅞	+⅛
15¼pc 1996	129	+⅛
15½pc 1998	134⅞	+⅛
2½pc 2020	92⅞	-⅛
Redemption		
3pc 86-96	77¼	
Gas		
3pc 90/95	71⅛	+⅛
(undated) Consols		
2½pc	25	+⅛
4pc	a39⅛	+⅛
Conversion		
3½pc	44⅞	+⅛
9¼pc 04	£93⅛	+⅛
9¾pc 07	a£94⅞	+⅛
10pc 02	99⅞	+⅛
Treasury		
2½pc	25⅛	+⅛
3pc	30⅛	+⅛
War Loan		
3½pc	35⅞	+⅛
Commonwith Bnds		
NZ 7½pc 83-86	£98¼	
S Rhodesia 2½pc 65-70	£180	
Corps & Boards		
Manchester 3pc 28	a£24¼	
Met. Water 3pc 'B'	£40	
Banks & Disc Hses		
Allied Irish	123	+2
Ansbacher H.	a53	+1
ANZ Gp	a251	-4
Bank Ireland	310	+5
Bnk Scot	394	-3
Barclays Bnk	509	-8
Brown Ship	a135	
Cater Allen	498	
Clive Dis	d42	-1
First Nat	97⅞	
Gerrard & Na	304	-5
Goode D&M	83	
Guinness Pt	64	-1
Hambros Shrs	a135	
Hill Sam	a281	
H.K. & Shal	a72	
King & Sx	154	-2
Kleinwort	475	
Lloyds	d409	-8
Mercury Sec.	a433	
Midland	392	
Nat West	689	-15
Rea Bros-A	68	
Ryl Bk Scot	262	-3
Schroders	858	+5
S. St. Aub	45	
Std Chtrd	487	-10
Union Dis	a678	
Westpac	228	-2
Wintrust	270	
Financial Trusts		
Armour Tst	17½	
Aust Agr	a250	
Brit Arrow	94	-1
Daily M Tr A	£11⅞	
Dalgety	333	-3
Exco	d187	-2
Inchcape	363	-3
Lon Inv Tst	a25⅞	-⅛
M & G Hdgs	500	
Marson Fin	22	
Nash Secs	30	
Prov Fin	217	
Rothchilds	a92	
Sime Darby	58	
Smith Bros	a139	+1
Wagon Fin	72	-1
Breweries		
Ald Lyons	a223	+3
Bass	a542	-2
Bell A	231	-2
Belhaven	a45	
Bodd Brew	69	
Brown M	a358	
Bulmer HP	137	
Davenport	240	
Devenish	575	
Distillers	285	-2
Forshaws	a440	
Greenall W	a161	-1
Greene King	166	
Guinness	a247	+1
Highland Dis.	75	
Invergordon	137	
Marston Thos	71	
Scot Nw Bws	143¼	-1
Try Cty Lnd	82	
Vaux Brew	296	+3
Whitbread A	a216	-1
Whitbrd Inv	a178	+2
Walker & Du	326	
Comm & Ind		
AAH	130	-2
AC Cars	40	
AGB Res	197	+3
APV Hdgs	271	+1
Aaronson	97	
Adwest	154	+2
Alcan Al	£17¾	+¼
Allen WG	Suspended	
All Colloid	150	-3
All Plant	17	
Amber Day	7½	
AMEC	263	+2
Amersham	a313	-5
Amstrad	72	+3
Anchor Ch	a190	
Ang TV-A	a143	
Ang-A Ind	£11	
Appleyard	60	
Arenson	30	
Argyll Grp	293	-5
Arlington	183	
Amstr Ex	32	-2
Arncliffe	50	
Ash & Lacy	332	
Ass Book	203	
Ass B Eng	a4¼	
Ass B Fds	a214	-4
AB Ports	288	-10
Ass Dairies	132	-8
Ass Eng	145	-1
Ass Fish	a101	
Ass News	870	-10
Ass Paper	191	
Astra	6¼	+¼
Audiotnic	5	
Ault & W	46	+1
Auto Prod	80	
Avana	614	-3
Avon Rby	253	-3
BAT Ind	301	-2
BBA	71	+1
BPB Ind	a248	
BSR	50	
BTR	330	-6
Babcock	194	-6
Bailey B	21	
Bailey CH	16½	-1
Baird (W)	383	
Bairstow	81	
Baker P.	a172	-3
Bapro	120	
Barbican	12	
Barker Dob	10½	
Barr & W A	a118	
Barratt Dv	74	-2
Barrow HP	39½	
Bassett (G)	a153	-2
Beatson CK	150	
Beattie A	d73	
Beazer	a390	-2
Beckman (A)	87	
Beecham	a300	-11
Beran	156	-2
Bemrose	145	+5
Bentalls	92	-3
Bersfd SW	161	-1
Berisfords	89	
Besnak	238	
Bestobell	227	
Betec	72	
Bett Bros	52	
Bibby (J)	230	
BICC	201	+1
Biddle	168	
Billam J	66	
Birmid Q	84	-1
B'ham Mint	235	
BL Ord	84	
Black P	243	
Blwrd Hdw	33	-¼
Blandes Inds	119	
Bluebird	76	
Blue Circle	518	-2
Blundell P	125	
BOC Grp	261	-1
Bolton Txt	17	
Booker MC	261	-2
Boosey H	150	
Boots	a182	-1
Borthwick	27	-1
Boulton W	73	
Bowater	253	-2
Bowthorpe	327	
Braithwaite	a136	
Bramner	298	+5
Brasway	67	
Brick Dud	a60	
Bridon	122	
Br Aero	331	-2
Br Aero	pp163	-2
Br BZ Cbs	12¼	+¼
Br Car A	a84	+1
BET dfd	290	-3
BHS	271	-1
Br Mohair	130	
BPC	167	+1
Br Tar Prd	a102	
Br Telecom	a170	
Br Vending	55	
Br Vita	155	-2
Bronx Eng	14	
Brook St	136	-3
Brown & J	12	
Brn Bv Knt	84	-1
Brown (J)	30	-1
Brown T'wse	a129	
Brunning	136	+1
Bruntons (M)	63	-1
Bryant	68	
BSG Intl	25¼	-¼
Bullers	34	
Bulleugh	225	-3
Bulmer Lb	a79	+2
Bunzl	428	-2
Burnette Hl	35	-5
Burns And	a52¼	+¼
Burton Grd	a469	+2
Cable Wire	525	-5
Chry Sch	150	-3
Cam Elec Ind	255	
Camford	42	-1¼
Canning W	90	-1
Cape Inds	52	-2
Carcle Eng	280	-3
Carless Cap	a145	-3
Carpets Int	55	-1¼
Carr (J)	93	
Carr's Mill	a115	
Casket S	39	
Castings	a63	
Cattle's	30¼	+1
Caus Rod	70	
Cen & Shr	7	
Central TV	186	
C.H. Inds	a43	
Ch'lain Pha	a76¼	
Chem Tun	160	
Charter Con	178	+2
Chloride	43	
Christie Tyl	81	
Christies In	a215	-11
Clay (R)	144	+49
Clyde Bwrs	a120	
Coalite Gp	a228	+1
Coates Grd	138	
Coates 'A'	121	
Coats Pats	154	-1
COO Group	a93	-2
Collins Grd	510	
Collins 'A'	508	
Combex	77	
Comb Eng	132	-2
Cosa	309	-3
Concentric	65	
Cookson	d303	
Cooper Ind	162	
Cope Allm	170	
Coral	68¼	
Cosalt	59	+2
Costain Grp	410	+6
Countryside	230	
Court Furn	175	
Courtaulds	a136	-1
Cwn de Gt	34	
Crest N'son	97	
Croda Intl	122	-1
do dfd	90	
Crown Hse	133	
Crystalate	a115	
DRG	186	-1
Dale Elec	72	
Dobs Ewtn	Suspended	
DPCE	360	
Davis NM	a148	
Davies (G)	a108	-1
Davy Corp	93	-1
Dwns Int	242	-2
De La Rue	a865	-10
Debenhams	a337	+3
Dee Corp	228	-3
Delta Met	143	-1
Deritend St	a132	
Desoutter	166	
Dewhirst	d77	
Dewhurst & T	33	
Diamond S	26	
Dixons Grp	699	+10
Dobson Pk	a76	-¼
Dom Hlds	75	
Dominion Int	a89	-2
Douglas R	50	
Dwde Mlds	69	+2
Dowty	174	+2
Dubilier	a140	-6
Dufay Btt	36	
Dunhill	a311	-7
Duport	38¼	-¼
ERF	41	-1
Ests Prdcs	310	-5
Edbro	a155	+2
Elbar Ind	55	
Elees Hdgs	86	
EIS	193	-2
Elect Cmpts	268	+3
Elect Mchn	55	
Elect Rents	a41	
Elliot B	84	+1
Ellis & Evd	183	-2
Ellis Gold	d58	
Elswick-H	7	
Emess Light	a235	
Empire Sts	122	
Eng China	a224	
Equity & Gen	191	
Erith	81	+1
Eur Ferries	a118	-1
do Spc Pref	117	
Eurotherm	297	-3
Excalibur	8½	
Extel	a325	+2
Exp Metal	110	-1
Farnell El	147	
FEB Intl	100	
Feneer	127	-1
Ferranti	124	
Ferguson	a154	
Fine Art	77	-1
Finlan J	71	
Finlay J	a117	-1
First Castle	a99	-2
First Leisure	292	+10
Fisons	325	-8
Fitch Lvll	a183	-2
Flext	303	+4
Folkes HV	28¼	
Ford (Mtr)	35	
Formindster	160	+10
Foseco M	203	+1
Fothergill	167	
Freemans	252	+8
Friedland DG	213	
French T	48	
French KR	190	-2
Galliford	76	
Garford L	96	
Garton Eng	62	
Gees G	a63	
GEI Intl	a89	-1
Gen Elect	168	
Gestetner	113	
Gill & Duff	160	
Glaxo	£11 61/64	-13/64
Glesson	212	
Glynwed	191	-2
Goldbe (A)	56	
Gomme	34	
Grampian	124	
Granada	148	-6
Grand Met	282	-3
Gratton W	252	+4
GUS Ord	820	-10
GUS 'A'	771	+2
Greenbank	38	
Greenfield	15	
Greenbell	11½	
GKN	220	-4
HAT Grp	94	
HTV NV	133	
Habitat M	a390	
Haden	358	
Hall Eng	160	+2
Hall (Mat)	d156	
Halma	a245	
Halstead J	80	
Hampson	28¼	-¼
Hanson Tr	a185	-1
Hargreaves	a105	+1
Harris Qwy	236	+2
Har & Cros	a336	-4
Hartwells	a65	
Hawker S	393	-4
Hawtin	17	-1
Hawth Cry	123	
Hewth Ord	199	-3
Hestair	86	+1
Hewden S	42	
Hickson P	55	
Hickson	405	-6
Hines & H	360	
Hill & Sm	65	+2
Hillards	343	-5
Hollas Gp	26	
Hollis Bros	74	+5
Holt Lloyd	a75	
Home Charm	322	
Hopkinson	d146	
Horizon Tvl	108	-3
Hse of Lrs	113	
How'd Mac	Suspended	
Howden Gp	90¼	
Ibstock Jns	144	+2
Illwth Mrs	85	
Illwth Mrs A	80	
ICI	694	-18
IMI	94	-2
Imperial Gp	166	-4
Ingram H	115	-5
Int Thom Org	a479	-2
Jaguar	248	-6
Jessups	63	
J'son Clnrs	443	
Johnson FB	18¼	
J'son Mthy	95	+12
Johnston	220	+5
Jones & Sh	67	
Jones E	82	
Jones Strd	160	+5
Jourdan T	116	
Kalamazoo	29	
Kennedy B	a240	
Kenning	103	
Kwikfit	40	
Kwik Save	186	-4
LCP	a102	
LRC Int	121	-2
Ladbroke	266	+8
Ladies Pr	25	
Laing-A	228	+7
Laird Grp	161	
Lambt Hwth	d148	
Laporte Ind	298	-5
Lawtex	78	
Lee Grp	a223	
Lex Service	187	-2
Lilley FJC	66	-1
Linread	40	+1
Lister	57	
Lloyd (FH)	59	
Locker Thos	a2¼	
Lopics	138	
Lon & Midl'd	184	-1
Ldn Nor G	c80¼	+1
Lon Pk Htl	a398	
Longton	106	+1
Lonrho	167	-3
Lookers	84	
Lovell YJ	224	
Low & Bonar	246	-2
Low (Wm)	a598	
Lowe R H	27	
Lucas Inds	288	-10
MCD Grp	100	
MK Elec	a238	
MY Dart	25¼	
Macarthys	183	-1
McC'dale	a150	-5
Mackay (H)	72	
McKechnie	133	
Magnet S	130	+2
Mngt Ag	Suspended	
Mcintr Ship	310	
Manders	177	
Mans Brs	a53	
Marks & Spn	a136	-1
Marley	75¼	-3
Marling Ind	86	-2
Marshalls H	258	+5
Marsh'l Uni	a63	
Ma-Black	Suspended	
Martin (A)	68	+2
Martonair	303	
Matthews B	359	
Maunders J	109	+1
May & Hassl	88	
Maynards	335	
McAlpine AL	262	
Menzies (J)	252	
Metal Box	a448	-2
Metal Clos	139	
Metalrax	d55	
Metsunec	Suspended	
Meyer	a131	+1
Miller S	16	
Milletts	a155	
Ms Intl	38	
M & Allen	a305	
Mitchell Ct	68	
Molins	135	-1
Monk A	107	
More O'Fl	68	
Morgan Cr	200	-5
Moss Bros	445	
Mowlem	230	
Myson Grp	71	
NSS News	114	
Negretti	16	-¼
Neill & Sper	21	-1
Neill J	127	
Newarthill	710	
Newman-T	a68	
Newmark	190	
News Intl	640	
Nichols Vim	230	
Norcros	168	
North Eng	80	-2½
N. Foods	236	-4
Norton Opax	108	
Notts Mnfg	256	-2
Nurdin & P	d140	-2
Octopus Gp	530	
Office & El	218	
Ogilvy Mat	£32¾	-⅝
Osprey	68	
Our Price	510	-5
Owen O	235	
Oxford Inst	253	
Parker Kn 'A'	170	+1
Pktnd Text	a100	
Paterson Z	161	
do 'A'	160	
Pavion Intl	67	
Pearson (S)	333	-5
Peel Hldgs	395	
Peerless	78	
Pegler-Htly	a274	
Pentl'd Inds	745	-20
Pentos	43	
Pethow Hold	a52	
Phicom	36	
Philips	a611¼	-⅝
Phoenix Tb	116	-6
Photo-Me	£72½	
Pifco Hldg	135	
Pilkington	a263	-3
Pittard	104	
Platignum	8¼	
Plaxton's	a67	
Plessey	a220	-3
Plysu	132	
Pochins	a241	
Portals	275	
Porter Chad	540	-5
Powell Duff	106	-2
Preedy	278	+3
Pressac	110	
Priest (B)	95	
PoW Hlds	11¼	
Pritchard	a104	-1
Prop Rev	74	-3
Queens Most	a178	
Quick H & J	50	-2
Racal Elect	43	
Ransom Txt	a293	
Rank Org	a134	
Ranks Hov	221	
RHP	353	+13
Rasom S J	a143	-2
Ratclf (FS)	82	-2
Raybeck	118	
Readicut	46	
Reckitt Co	291	
Redfearn	a33¼	
Redland	506	-7
Redman Hn	89	-1
Reed (A)-A	282	
Reed Exec	Suspended	
Reed Int	122	
Renold	153	
Rentokil	a637	+5
Renwick	50¼	-1
Restmore	139	-8
Rexmore	210	
RFD Grp	115	
Rich Lefc	295	-3
Rich West	20¼	
RMC Gp	a79¼	-1
Roberts Add	45	
Robertson B	22	+1
Rhom (Th)	368	+2
Rock PLC	93	
Rockware	217	+5
Rotaprint	77	+1
Ropner H	7¼	
Rosgill	41	
Rotork	145	
Rotaflex	142	
Rothmans In	132	-6
Rowlinson	a25	
Rown Mack	366	-9
Ruberoid	163	-3
Rugby P C	121¼	+¼
6 & U Strs	19	
SGB Grp	136	-2
Saatchi	630	-5
Sainsbury J	a300	-4
Sale Tlney	208	
Samuel-A	a76	
Sandhurst	75	
Saville G	87	
Savoy-'A'	360	
Scapa Group	d398	
Scholes	445	-5
SEET	152	-2
Scotcros	Suspended	
Sears Hdgs	94	-1
Securicor	219	
Securicor A	219	
Security S	219	
Sekers Intl	58	
Selincourt	25¼	-1
Senior Eng	24¼	-¼
Sharna	51	
Shaw Cpt	36¼	
Shiloh Spn	69	
Sidlaw	a135	
Silentnight	31	
Simon Eng	220	
Sirdar	116	-2
Sketchley	a336	+2
Smith DS	135	
Smith Hlds	33	
Smith&Neph	d167	-2
Smith WHA	216	
Smiths Inds	170	-2
Smurfit (J)	a118	-1
Sprw GW	45	
Spr & Jcks	138	
Spirax-Sarco	154	-2
Squirrel H	27	
Staff Potts	59	-1
Stag Furn	81	
Stakis (R)	57	-1
STC	102	-2
Stanley Ag	60	
Star Comp	43	
Staveley Ind	a334	-2
Std Sim-A	a186	
Steel Bros	550	
Steetley	310	
Steinberg	a60	-2
Stewart Pl	114	+1
String Grp	81	
Stocklake	153	
Stnlh & Ptt	118	+3
Strong & F	138	
Sumner	13	
Sunbeam Wal	55	
Sutcliffe	38	
Sycamore	14	
TI Group	248	+2
TACE	510	
Tarmac	d320	
Tate & Lyle	a451	-2
Tay Rstl	43	
Tr Woodrow	e443	+10
Telefusion	24	
Tele Rents	170	
Tesco	a240	-5
Text Jersey	97	
Thorn	317	-4
Thor Brix	17	
Tomkins FH	a185	
Tootal	83	+¼
To Hotspur	65	
TzKw MI	39	
Trafar Hse	344	
Trans Dv	120	
Travis & A	254	
Trinity	243	
Triplex FS	33	
Trusthouse	122	-3
Turner & N	88	
Turriff	247	-2
UKO Int	a128	-2
Unigate	174	-2
Unilever	£10³⁹⁄₆₄	-9/64
Utd Bisc	172	-3
Utd Parcels	75	-1
Utd News	263	-5
Utd Scient	a178	-3
Utd Wire	202	
Valor	181	-1
Vantona	352	-2
VG Instrs	250	-2
Vibroplant	149	
Vickers	275	+2
Vict Carpt	40	
Volex	183	
WCI	a270	
Wadd J	a550	
Wade Potts	138	-2
Wadkin	108	
Wagon Ind	187	
Ward Hldgs	175	
Ward White	a294	
Waterford	45	
Wats Blk	a202	
Wedgwood	213	
Weir Group	511	-1
Wellman Eng	101	
Westland	a78	
Wettern	77	+3
Whessoe	94	
Whitecroft	a151	
W'sale Fit	222	
Widney	41	
Wingfall (H)	105	
Wilkes (J)	181	
Wlms Cdf	24	+1
Wlms Hdgs	280	
Wimpey G	120	
Wolsy-Hughs	a351	-2
Wolst Bx	286	-7
Woodhead	34	+3
Wdhse & Rx	31¼	
Woolworth	d380	
Yks Chem	70	-2
Insurance		
Alexander	£20¹³⁄₁₆	+⅜
Britannic	722	-10
Comm Un	209	-3
Equity & L	231	-10
Genl Accdt	615	-6
GRE	705	-8
Heath C E	610	
Hogg Rob'son	243	-5
Legl & Gn	682	-17
Lon & Mcr	769	-6
Lon Utd	a268	-2
Marsh & Mcl	a£52	-⅝
Minet Hldgs	172	-3
Pearl	£11⅞	-⅜
Prudential	634	-15
Refuge	331	-7
Royal	675	-5
Sedgwick	338	-10
S. Wrtson	587	-7
Sun Al & L	453	-8
Sun Life	797	-10
Trade Indem	315	
Willis Fabr	617	-2
Windsor Sec	47	+1
Investment Trusts		
Alliance Trst	608	-2
Amr Tr	125	+1
AA Secs C	250	
Ashdown	a125	-1
Atlas AT	97	
Bankers In	86	
Brit Assets	795	+1
Brit IT	320	
City & Cml	a36	
Cont Vent	92	
Derby Inc	102	
Derby Cap	101	
Drayton Japn	378	
Drayton Cont	277	
Drayton Prem	410	+2
Edin Am	98	
Electra	a126	
Eng & Int	a233	
F & C Pac	133	
F & C Allian	a80	
Family IT	236	
First Union	a175	-5
Fleming FE	a80	-2
Fleming Mer	106	-1
Fleming Ovs	106	
Fleming Tech	104	
For & Col	83	+¼
Fund Invest	48¼	
Fundinvest C	284	
Gen Funds	171	
Gen Stock	a145	
Globe IT	a237	-1
Hambros	a143	
Hill (P) IT	a234	
Inv in Suc	480	
Jove Cap	18¼	-¼
do Inc	63¼	
Law Deb C	167	
Ldn Gar	248	
Lon M Sec	74	
M & G Inc	294	+8
M & G Cap	454	-3
Merchants	32	
Murray Inc	110	
do 'B'	106	-1
Murray Grth	98	
Murray Int	a120	-1
Murray Sml	150	
do 'B'	369	
Murray Vent	272	
N'Thr Inc	a41	
N'Thr Cap	30¼	
River & M	127	+1
Rolnco	£77	+1
Rolinco	£15¼	-¼
Scot Amer In	a221	-1
Scot North	129	
Sec Alliance	532	-2
Shires IT	a198	-1
Smaller Cos	70	+1
Stockhldrs	111	-1
Tr Aust IT	77	+1
Tr Ind Gen	140	-1
Tr Tech IT	82	
Tr Trustee	129	
Throgmrt Tr	231	-1
Tryvest Inc	75	
Trprst Cap	705	-5
Viking	661	-1
SA Mines		
AA Corp	a$15¼	+¼
AA Gold	$86⅞	
Blyvoor GM	a$6⅞	-¼
Bracken M	190	
Buffs GM	a$35¼	-1
Doornfntn	a$15¼	
Driefontein	a$24	-1
E Rand Pr	$7¼	
Fr Stt Ged	$24¼	
Gencor	$18¼	+⅜
GFSA	$17¼	+¼
Great Prop	a$7⁵⁄₁₆	-⅝
Harmony	$13¼	
Hartebeest G	a$90c	
Joburg C In	$114	
Kloof GM	a$40¼	-¼
Leslie GM	280c	-5
Loraine	480c	-5
Mid Wit W	a$11¼	
Pres Brand	$21¾	-1
Pres Steyn	$25¼	
Randfntn	$102¼	
St Helena	a$16¼	
SA Land	273c	
Stlfnt GM	a$8¼	-¼
Vaal Reefs	$87¼	-¼
Venst GM	a$8¼	-¼
Vlkfntn	a175c	
Welkom	$7¼	
W Rand C	a$4⁷⁄₁₆	
W Deep L	$43⅞	-1
Westn Hgs	$50¼	-¼
Winklhk	$27¼	-¼
Mining		
A A Inv T	£44	
Ayer Hitam	215	
Br Hill Pty	228	-2
Cons Gold	497	-7
Cons Murch	£4¼	
De Beers Pr	a66	
Hmp GMA	138	
M'lay T Dr	a34	
Mims (Tr)	72	
MTD (Man)	10	-3
Nth B Hill	114	-1
Rio Tinto Z	549	-5
Tronoh Mal	79	
Vogels MT	106	
W Mining Co	183	-5
Zbim Cop In	18¼	
New Issues		
Abbey Life	235	-8
Chr Salvesen	128	+1
Coloroll	105	
Persimmon	97	
Prestwick	75	
Oil		
Anvil Pet	40	
Brit-Borneo	a326	
Bristol	19	
BP	521	-5
Britoil	211	-5
Burmah	256	-2
Century	a72	-1
Charterhall	39	-1
C'house Pet	80	-1
Clyde Pet	79	
Enterprise	156	-3
Hunting Pt	124	
Inv C Gas	a315	-6
LASMO Ops	380	-5
LASMO Ord	251	-7
Petrocon	150	
Premier Con	45	
R Dutch	£43⅛	+¹¹⁄₃₂
Shell Trns	673	-8
Tricentrol	191	-2
Ultramar	191	-5
Property		
Allied London	106	
Bellway	116	-1
Glltar (P)	a218	+2
Bradford Pro	a385	
Brit Land	a133	+1
Brixtn Est	a124	
Cap & Cnt	a215	
Chrvel Est	168	
Chesterfield	a405	
Connells Est	123	+3
Control Sec	38	+¼
Daejan	395	
Est Pry Inv	144	
Evans-Leeds	70	
Grt Port E	142	
Greycoat	184	-4
Haslemere-A	420	
Haslemere	446	
Laing Prop	266	
Land Sec	263	+2
Lynton	a298	
Marlborough	54	
MEPC	258	+1
Mountleigh	400	
Mountview	a325	
Mucklow	82	+2
Peachey Pr	245	
Prop Hldg	110	
Prop Sec In	119	
Raglan	7	
Rush & T	228	
Samuel Prop	156	-1
Scot Met P	a79	
Slough Ests	126	-1
Sterling	65	
Stock Conv	500	
Traffd Pk	198	
Utd Real	486	
Warnford	435	
Webb (J)	19	-¼
Rubber		
Grnd Cent	14	
High & Low	75	-1
Shipping		
Br & Com	a243	-6
Common Br	Suspended	
Hunting G	93	
IOM Stm	80	+2
Jacobs (J)	53	
LOFS	71	
Ocean T & T	154	-2
P & O Dfd	350	-3
Runciman	83	
Tea & Coffee		
Camellia	£20¼	
Lawrie	a£17¼	

a Ex dividend b Offer assented c Non assented d Ex capital e Ex rights f Price adjusted pp Part Paid

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

TOURIST RATES—BANK SELLS

Austria	27.80	Greece	180.00	Portugal	223.00
Belgium	80.00	Ireland	1.27	Spain	224.00
Canada	1.84	Italy	2,550	Sweden	11.53
Denmark	14.29	Malta	0.6025	Switzerland	3.28
France	12.02	Netherlands	4.46	USA	1.3775
Germany	3.95	Norway	11.50	Yugoslavia	355.00

STERLING RATES

	Closing market rates	Previous closing rates	FORWARD RATES (One month)
Australia	1.9800–1.9830	1.9685–1.9715	
Austria	28.12–28.19	28.28–28.34	14.875 to 13.375 grosch prem
Belgium	80.63–80.85	81.08–81.27	26c to 21c premium
Canada	1.8753–1.8800	1.8675–1.8716	0.50c to 0.41c premium
Denmark	14.38–14.42	14.47–14.50	4 to 3 ore premium
France	12.14–12.20	12.27–12.31	2.75c to 2.125c premium
Germany	4.0002–4.0087	4.03–4.04	2.625 to 2.375 pfennig premium
Greece	178.01–181.87	179.95–183.87	
Hong Kong	10.75–10.77	10.60–10.62	
Ireland	1.2780–1.2790	1.2853–1.2863	
Italy	2,593–2,607	2,597–2,608	1 lire premium to 3 lire discount
Japan	333–334	336–337	
Netherlands	4.49–4.51	4.54–4.53	2.25c to 2c premium
Norway	11.59–11.64	11.67–11.70	0.50 ore prem to 0.375 ore disc
Portugal	232.41–235.44	230.63–231.73	255 to 535 escudos discount
Spain	230.32–230.99	231.11–231.72	
Sweden	11.66–11.71	11.70–11.73	2.375 to 3.50 ore discount
Switzerland	3.33–3.34	3.36–3.37	2.25c to 1.875c premium
USA	1.3875–1.3900	1.3825–1.3845	0.53c to 0.50c premium

Dollar cross rates against: Swiss franc 2.40; French franc 8.76; DM 2.86; Yen 240.65

INTEREST RATES

UK HIGH STREET %

Bank deposit: 7–7.125
Bank base rate: 12.5–12.75
Bank overdraft: 15.75–18
Building society mortgage rate: 13
Building society deposit: 7.7 net
Finance house rate: 13

UK MONEY MARKETS

	7 day	1 month	3 months	6 months
Treasury bills		11⅞	11¹³⁄₃₂	
Eligible bills		11⅞	11⅞	11⅞
Interbank rate	12	11⅞	11⅞	11⅞
Discount market	12¼	12⅞	12⁷⁄₁₆	

INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS

	1 month	3 months	6 months
Eurodollar	7⅞	8	8¼
Euro DM	5⅛	5⁵⁄₁₆	5⁵⁄₁₆
Euro Fr fr	10⅞	10⁷⁄₁₆	10⅞
Euro SW fr	5¹⁄₁₆	5³⁄₁₆	5¼

US INTEREST RATES: Federal funds: 7¹¹⁄₁₆ US prime rates: 9½

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Margaret Dibben explains how to get richer every month without thinking about it

A fiver today pays dividends tomorrow

IF YOU invest £5 a month, a sum you will hardly miss, after ten years you could have £1,000. That might not seem big business, so if you increase the monthly payments to £100, in ten years' time this could grow to £20,000.

The point about regular savings is *that you get* into the habit of budgeting for a certain outflow each month and soon do not think about the money. Children can be encouraged into the savings habit by putting away as little as £1 a month. If you know you have a particular expense looming in the future — a car, a holiday, a wedding — you can save towards that date.

No one will tell you exactly *how much* your contributions will be worth at the end of ten years although anyone trying to sell you a regular savings scheme will make a good guess. The nearest you can get to knowing for certain what you will have in the future is with National Savings fixed interest certificates where the rates of interest are guaranteed for five years.

Higher risk investments will suggest even larger sums of money at the end of 10 years and this is where you take the risk: you might get more or you might get less. Moreover, on these investments you will almost certainly be paying commission charges which will eat away at your eventual payout.

Nearly every form of investment has an option for regular monthly savings, some taking as low as £1 a month but more likely £10 or £20 a month and possibly with a maximum of around £200 a month.

Before going ahead with a scheme, you should ask what sort of commitment you are letting yourself in for; if there are any penalties if you miss a payment; how long you have to keep up the payments; if there are any costs to you; what sort of risk you are taking; if you can have access to any of your money while continuing the scheme (you may be allowed one withdrawal a year, for example).

A small change in interest rates can make a large difference to your savings over a number of years. If you saved £20 a month, Table 1 shows how much you would have at different rates of interest:

For varying monthly contributions, the Nationwide Building Society produces a table which assumes an interest rate throughout the period of 9.25 per cent (see Table 2).

Many banks and building societies have special regular saving schemes, although there is no reason why you should not make monthly, or even less frequent, payments regularly into most accounts.

Rates of interest are not as good as those being paid on the top notch accounts, but should be about 1 per cent better than the basic share account rate. This makes it around 9.25 per cent net of basic rate tax of 13.21 per cent grossed up.

Typically you will be allowed one withdrawal a year without any loss of interest and you can close them completely at any time you choose.

You can also invest regularly in other building society schemes: guaranteed mortgage schemes, which tend to pay a comparatively low rate of interest and have little point at present because mortgages are easily available. Some societies also have Save As You Earn scheme with fixed terms.

You save between £1 and £20 a month for five years after which you will receive a bonus worth 14 months' contributions. This makes the rate of interest over the period 8.3 per cent a year. If you leave the money for another 14 months without making any more contributions you get another 14 months' bonus which brings the interest equivalent to 8.6 per cent. This is all tax free but does not compare well with other schemes.

Should you stop making payments in the first year, you will have your money returned but with no interest. If you fail to keep up the contributions after that, you will get interest on the amount *you have paid in at six per* cent.

National Savings' Yearly Plan was created a year ago as a way of making regular contributions towards a savings certificate. This week the maximum you can invest was doubled to £200 a month but the minimum stays at £20. After 12 months' payments, you earn a certificate which you hold for a further four years and get 9.28 per cent tax free on average, over the full five years.

A number of unit trusts have a facility for making monthly payments into the fund. Even a few investment trusts have started doing the same.

The minimum will probably be between £10 and £50 a month, with the option to increase this at any time, and *no limit on how much you can* put in. You can stop making payments whenever you wish but if you choose a time when, the value of your units is low you will not do as well as at other times and indeed might lose money.

Some will offer you a bonus of 1 or 2 per cent extra if you fulfil certain conditions: for example the TSB gives an extra 2 per cent for subscriptions over £50 a month; and Brown *Shipley gives a 3 per* cent bonus on all regular contributions.

With unit trust saving schemes, there will be annual charges to pay as well as the difference between the price at which you buy (the offer price) and the price at which you sell (the bid price, which is lower).

The terms of the different schemes vary depending on how much commission is paid to an intermediary, what charges are imposed and the bonuses given. This of course affects the amount of money you eventually get back.

Table 3 shows what might happen.

A phrase found bandied about with regular saving schemes is "pound cost averaging", the suggestion being that you get more for your money. The argument is that, if you buy units at, say £10, and then the price halves you have no need to worry, because at the lower price you will be buying twice as many units for your money and the average price is thus three quarters, not half, the original. If the price goes up, then you get fewer units for the same amount but who cares, because your investment has risen in value.

Over a period of years, provided you sell when the value of units is above the average, you will have gained because the average price you will have paid is lower than the average value.

Pension funds are, in their way, a form of regular savings, particularly if you are entitled to make additional voluntary contributions. The same goes for life insurance policies if you choose one with a large investment element.

TABLE 1

	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%
After 1 year	£248	£249	£250	£252	£253	£254
After 2 years	£510	£516	£521	£526	£531	£537
After 3 years	£789	£801	£813	£825	£837	£850
After 4 years	£1,084	£1,106	£1,128	£1,151	£1,174	£1,198

TABLE 2

	£5	£25	£50	£100	£200
After 1 year	£63	£315	£630	£1,260	£2,520
After 2 years	£132	£659	£1,318	£2,637	£5,273
After 3 years	£207	£1,035	£2,070	£4,141	£8,281
After 4 years	£289	£1,446	£2,892	£5,784	£11,567
After 5 years	£379	£1,895	£3,789	£7,579	£15,157
After 6 years	£477	£2,385	£4,770	£9,540	£19,080
After 7 years	£584	£2,920	£5,841	£11,682	£23,364
After 8 years	£701	£3,505	£7,011	£14,023	£28,046
After 9 years	£828	£4,145	£8,290	£16,580	£33,160
After 10 years	£968	£4,843	£9,686	£19,373	£38,747

TABLE 3
£100 a month invested; assuming 1 per cent a month growth:

	3% commission	20% commission & no contributions invested for 3 months	No commission & 3% bonus
YEAR	VALUE AT YEAR END £	VALUE AT YEAR END £	VALUE AT YEAR END £
1	1,268.25	936.85	1,306.30
2	2,697.35	2,323.91	2,778.27
3	4,307.69	3,886.90	4,436.92
4	6,122.26	5,648.11	6,305.93
5	8,166.97	7,632.68	8,411.98
6	10,470.99	9,869.94	10,785.12
7	13,067.23	12,388.82	13,459.24
8	15,992.73	15,228.29	16,472.51
9	23,003.87	22,033.23	23,693.09

Rossiter as Rigsby: the perfect landlord?

Fair shares

Nicholas Cole reports on how to live with a lodger

THEY may borrow your gin, liberate your last egg, and festoon your bathroom with dripping socks or tights; they may slam doors, sulk when your choice of television programmes clashes with theirs, and leave without notice owing rent.

Tenants can be unlovely people, yet the advantages of sharing a place with them outweigh the drawbacks for a significant number of home owners. Taking a lodger, once the prerogative of impecunious widows, is increasingly widespread notably among young professionals, married as well as single, and students. Rent is often seen as a useful way to subsidise a mortgage.

Under the Housing Act 1980, which made important changes in the law affecting lettings by resident landlords, the rent is firstly a matter for agreement between landlord and tenant. Either party can apply to a rent tribunal to have a reasonable rent registered at any time; the rent subsequently fixed may be higher, lower or the same, depending on the area, condition of the property and facilities offered, and remains valid for two years at least.

Rents are commonly in the range £20-£60 a week. Landlords have the right to get tenants to pay rates, and rate increases, for the accommodation let, in addition to the rent.

The "restricted contract," or simpler rules for letting introduced in the 1980 act, dispenses with formalities and the need for a written agreement. Any new letting is a restricted contract, provided the landlord and tenant live in the same house or flat and that "substantial board" — meals — is not part of the arrangement. It does not matter whether the letting is furnished or not.

Simple procedures apply for notice to quit, but these have to be followed. Courts must grant landlords possession, though the date when such an order takes effect can be suspended for up to three months.

To safeguard against a tenant who damages furniture or leaves without paying bills, the landlord can insist on a returnable deposit of up to two months' rent. It is worth reading the free guide Letting Rooms in Your Home, available from the Department of the Environment or Citizens' Advice Bureaux.

Some owners feel concerned that their building society will object. But letting one or two rooms is a perfectly acceptable method of subsidising mortgage repayments, so long as an owner continues to live in the house, to forestall possible re-sale complications arising from a sitting tenant.

You should, however, check with your insurance company that your house contents and building policy is not affected by the presence of a tenant. If the home is rented, the landlord's consent is needed before sub-letting.

Income from letting is taxable as earned income, but the rules are straightforward and the allowances fair. They appear to favour wives with no other directly-paid employment, who can earn up to £2,205 tax-free annually after the expenses incurred in providing services such as room-cleaning, laundry and the occasional meal.

Where no services are provided, the entire rent is assessed as investment income. Capital gains liability accrues only when the lodger lives separately, the letting rooms form a self-contained unit, and the landlord's gain exceeds £20,000 during the period they are let.

Student landlords are treated as ordinary taxpayers, with due liability and allowances, including interest relief if the mortgage is in their name; if it is in their *parents' name, there is no* special exemption beyond the £30,000 limit.

Home-owners receiving supplementary benefit have all declared rental earnings offset against this, though they will continue to get mortgage interest paid — at least until the outcome of the Government's proposed social security reforms is known. Telephone advice, general, not specific, is available by dialling 100 and asking for DHSS Freephone.

There are probably no fortunes to be made from small-scale lets. But the income provides a helpful supplement for many purposes, from home-improvement to increasing the personal savings safety net.

Never trust an actor, a gambler or a journalist

David Worsfold on the risks insurance companies are reluctant to take

RECENT massive losses by British insurance companies have forced many firms to tighten up by increasing premiums, especially in inner city areas, and by trying to weed out what they think might be bad risks. The trouble comes when the insurance experts start sorting out these bad risks.

This process will inevitably mean that over the next couple of years more people are going to find that they are either quoted a much higher premium than the company advertises for their area or they will be totally rejected when applying for a new house contents policy. Try to seek an explanation and you will *probably encounter* a stony silence. This is one of those sinister secrets that the insurance industry likes to keep to itself.

If you are turned down for a simple house contents policy it is most likely because someone in that insurance company considers you to be a "moral hazard", a singularly unflattering term somewhat indiscriminately applied. Of course, it is not something to take too personally, although if you are left with the expensive contents of your house unprotected it will certainly come as a blow. You will have fallen foul of someone's prejudice against your occupation. You will stand a chance of finding someone to insure you provided you have no actual record of dishonesty or recklessness.

The most frequent entries on the lists of morally hazardous occupations that insurance companies draw up for their own internal consumption are actors, musicians, antique dealers, club owners, market traders, professional gamblers, scrap merchants, used car salesmen, aircrew, and young journalists.

Ask an insurance company to explain its prejudice and you will be treated to stories of actors and musicians who have had wild all-night parties that resulted in their houses being either ransacked or badly damaged. One company even said that they had a case of an actor's house burning to the ground after a party, the implication being that all actors' parties are likely to end in bonfires.

Parties are just a part of the problem. All types of entertainers tend to be away for long periods or out for set times every evening, making their houses more obvious targets for thieves. In addition, they are supposed to lead more flamboyant lifestyles accumulating and displaying their wealth frequently, often travelling abroad with a large quantity of valuables.

This, then, is the standard picture of an actor or musician in the mind of the average insurance underwriter. Fortunately, not all insurance experts share such a simple prejudice about some of these occupations and both Equity and the Musicians' Union have teamed up with specialist insurance brokers who have taken the time to find out which companies are prepared to take a more sympathetic view and treat cases on an individual basis.

Some insurance companies take a very restricted view of what constitutes a moral hazard, limiting it to people who have an obvious and proven leaning towards dishonesty. Other cases — such as the occupations mentioned above — might have difficult aspects to them but can be taken on, possibly at a slightly increased price.

What an insurance company will be looking for is some evidence that their worst fears will not be realised. For instance, a spouse who has a more conventional occupation is a definite asset. If you can't manage that, then try stressing how responsible you are by getting someone to come in while you are away to check that the water pipes and so on haven't sprung a leak, fit decent locks on doors and windows and submit detailed valuations

If you have had a proposal *for a house contents policy* turned down on the grounds of your occupation, you will certainly have to enlist some specialist help — a good insurance broker.

You may be told that you should not look for high value cover on an "all risks" basis because this tends to ring alarm bells with insurance companies who fear that all manner of valuables will be taken abroad never to be seen again except as a hefty insurance claim. This is probably not very useful advice.

If you travel abroad and have to take valuable items with you, you should get them covered on an all risks basis so that they are properly insured for loss or damage outside the home.

"Right now, you should be investing in companies you may never have heard of."

"I know of no better investment today than relatively unknown companies. Which may sound surprising as, over the last two years, it is shares in blue chip companies which have performed spectacularly well.

But this was due to two factors, both of which have now run their course.

Firstly, big companies streamlined their operations during the recession and, as a result, became more profitable when business picked up.

Secondly, the strong Dollar increased the value of the earnings of British companies in the USA.

However, now that this momentum has slowed, institutional investors are turning their attention to smaller companies with growth prospects. A philosophy I have already been following for some time.

My belief is that in the future we will see a number of relatively unheard of companies growing in profitability, despite the general pedestrian economic trends.

Which is why, for those investors who want real growth on their investments, this type of company provides first class prospects.

In fact, some of these second liners have already outstripped many in the first division by returning above average profits.

And we will continue to pinpoint these companies as effectively as possible.

Obviously, to reduce risk, a good deal of research and analysis is required to pave the way.

After all, to buy shares when they are out of favour you have to be convinced that your view is correct.

Because of this, when considering investment opportunities for Target's Special Situations Fund, two well tried courses of action are taken.

ASSET VALUATION

Firstly, if we think that a share is radically undervalued compared to the net asset value of the company, let alone the growth potential, we would consider it to be a relatively low risk way of buying what may well prove to be highly-geared stock.

Only last year, for example, we bought Associated Newspapers because we discovered that its assets were probably worth more than four times its share price.

Since then, the share price has risen as other investors began to realise the extent of the group's property interests and its stake in a valuable oil company.

DIGGING DEEP

The second type of stock we look for is one where a company's business is diversifying, or even changing – factors which are probably unknown to the majority of private investors.

An example is Lamont Holdings. This company had previously been thought of as a Northern Irish producer of textiles labouring under a fairly dowdy image. But after visiting the company a year ago and digging fairly deeply, we discovered that Lamont was diversifying very profitably into the area of computer technology.

We knew that a re-rating of stock was inevitable, so we bought soon after our visit. In fact, since our investment, the share price has risen substantially and is now tipped by leading market analysts – a year behind us!

BROADER HORIZONS

Recently, we have decided to broaden our horizons slightly by looking for opportunities outside the UK. At certain times over the last six months up to 10% of the fund value has been invested in the Far East. And we now have an interest in the USA. However, our Special Situations Fund is always likely to have the majority of its assets in the UK.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Applications and cheques will be acknowledged. Certificates will be sent within 42 days of receipt. You may sell your units at any time at a price which will not be less than that calculated by Department of Trade and Industry regulations. Payment will be made within 10 days of receipt by the Managers of the renounced certificate. Prices of units and yields are quoted daily in the Financial Times.

An initial charge of 5% is included in the offer price of units, out of which remuneration is paid to qualified intermediaries. Rates are available on request. An annual charge of 1% plus VAT is deducted from gross income. Income is distributed net of basic rate tax on 31st March and 30th September. On 3rd June 1985, Target Special Situations Fund units were available at an offer price of 94.3p and the current estimated gross annual yield was 1.83%.

The Trustee of Target Special Situations Fund is Midland Bank PLC.

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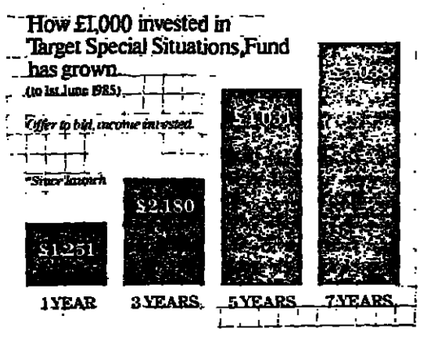
Remember, the price of units, and the income from them, may go down as well as up.



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And, I am now not alone in my opinion.

Just recently, the 'Financial Times' argued the case for investing in "small, growing and entrepreneurial companies" in an article entitled "Thinking small can bring big benefits."

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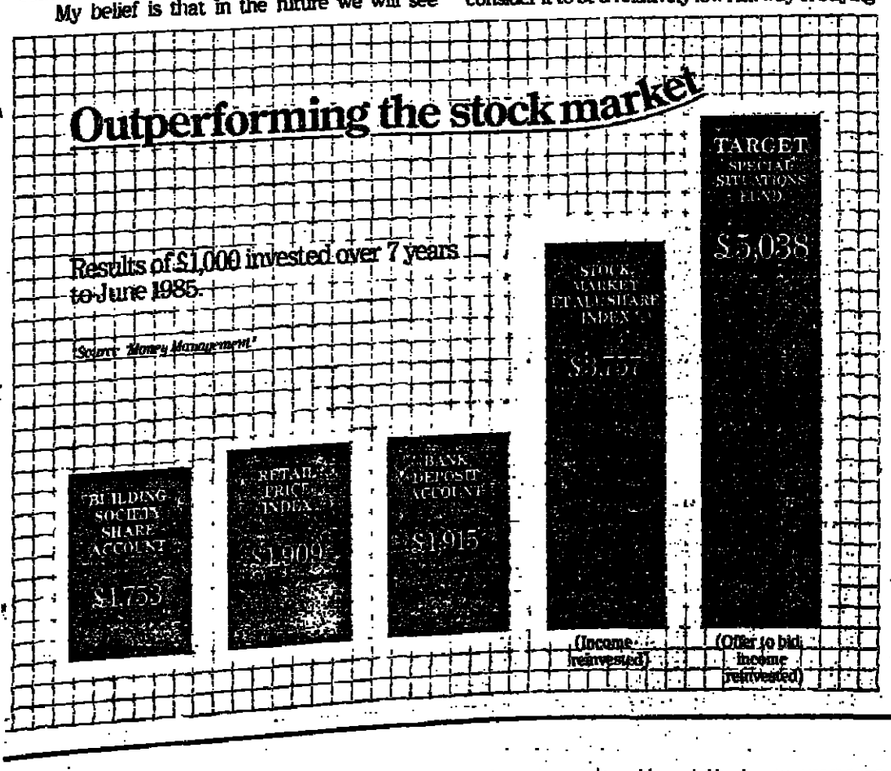

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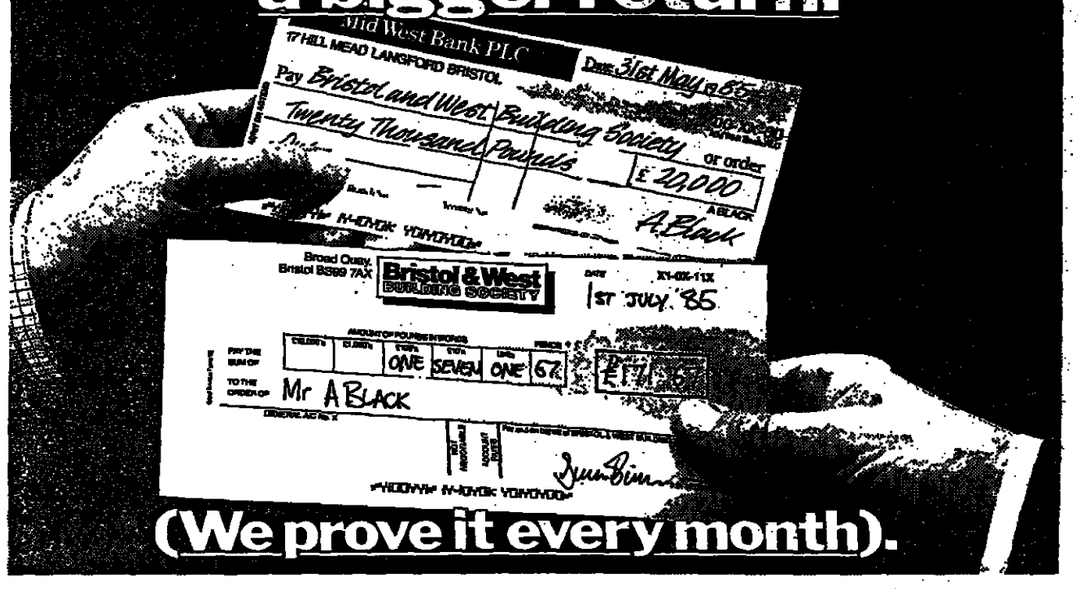

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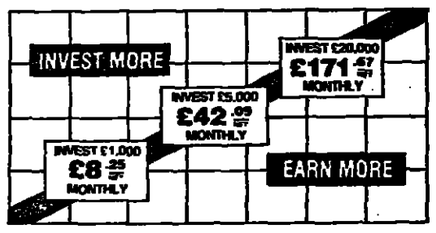

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If you want to retire on a reasonable income, don't change jobs. Richard Wright outlines the perils of the frozen pension and finds some confusion in new legislation.

The pensioners left out in the cold

AN icy farewell, otherwise known as a frozen pension, is the unattractive leaving present many people get when they change their job. "Unattractive" because a frozen pension means exactly what it says: fixed in advance, unchanging and immutable however long the period between the date you leave and the date when you actually retire and draw the pension. It starts off small and gets smaller as time goes on because inflation steadily eats away at its real value.

And concealed behind the lack of inflation-proofing lies another disadvantage: the benefit is calculated according to your salary at the date you leave and the number of years of employment you have then completed.

For example, if your final salary pension scheme gives you a pension of one-sixtieth of salary for each year of employment and you leave after 10 years on a salary of £9,000, your frozen pension will be:

1/60 of £9,000 OR £1,500.

However, when you come to retire, your salary may well have risen to £15,000. Naturally, you would like to feel that your whole pension is related to your higher salary. This would mean that for the first 10 years you worked, your pension would then become:

1/60 of £15,000 OR £2,500.

But your frozen pension is £1,000 short of this figure.

Unfortunately, nobody wants to know about this shortfall nor about giving you the extra £1,000 pension. Certainly not your first employer, who would argue that you left him years ago, and it's no part of his responsibility to pay you more money 30 years later. Equally, your last employer feels his responsibility stops with the years you worked for him.

Multiply this typical situation by a number of job changes and you can see how the pension of the job changer must suffer by comparison with a person who works for the same employer throughout his career. Of course, there can be compensating factors. You may earn a higher salary as a result of changing your job. Or you may move from a employer with no pension provision to one with a generous retirement scheme. Nevertheless, the fundamental drawbacks of the frozen pension remain.

Now, however, the ice is melting. First, the good news. From January 1, 1986, legislation requires that the frozen pension you get when you leave must have its value increased by 5 per cent a year — or by the rate of inflation, if it is lower.

"If stored in the shaded south-east corner of your cellar for ten or twenty years, it will mature into a robust, full-bodied investment. . . ."

Thus, £100 of frozen pension today would be worth £200 in 14 years' time, and £400 in 28 years' time at a 5 per cent yearly rate of increase. Certainly, a *big* improvement on a static frozen pension. But you have to remember that the value can't go up more than inflation. And if inflation has averaged, say, 5 per cent a year over the period, because of the 5 per cent ceiling on the rate of interest, the real value of your pension will still have halved. Your best situation is inflation at or below 5 per cent a year, in which case the pension value will have kept pace exactly with the fall in the value of money.

Now for the bad news. The 5 per cent revaluation rate only applied to the pension built up for you since January 1, 1985. Suppose you change your job in January 1987 having been 10 years with your current employer. At a leaving salary of £9,000, your total accrued pension would still be the £1,500 calculated earlier. But the bit accruing from January 1, 1985 to January 1, 1987 will have to be revalued by your first employer at the rate of 5 per cent or inflation if lower. The pension for this period, that is for 2 years would be:

2/60 of £9,000 OR £300

Therefore, £300 of your accrued pension will be revalued, but the major part, £1,200 (£1,500 less £300) will not be, since it dates back to the years before January 1, 1985.

A revalued frozen pension is not the only option which will be available. Also from January 1, 1986, if you change your job you will have the right to choose between three main options:

1. The revalued frozen pension just described.
2. A transfer value paid into your new employer's scheme from the trustees of the scheme you are leaving. Although your current employer will be compelled to provide the transfer, the trustees of the pension scheme of your new employer are *not* compelled to accept it. It is anticipated, however, that most schemes will have or will introduce the facility to accept transfer values in due course.
3. The same amount of transfer value to be paid instead to any insurance company you choose in order to buy you a pension. In the jargon, this is known as "a section 32 contract" or more grandly as a "buy out bond."

When you change your job, therefore, your first step must be to get the figures for the frozen pension to which you are entitled and the amount of the transfer value.

You then need to check whether your new employer's scheme will accept that transfer value and if so with how much pension you would be credited. A point to watch carefully here is that some employers may give you an added advantage over and above the strict arithmetical value of what pension the transfer payment can buy. They may give you a credit of extra years to rank for pension. If so, and depending upon the number of years they credit you with, those years can result in a big extra boost to your pension since you will get pension related to your much higher retiring salary, and not just to the salary at the date you left.

Finally, you can ask one or more insurance companies to give you a quotation to see how much pension the transfer value will buy you.

Having got all these figures you are then faced with the most difficult job of all: comparing them and deciding which options to choose. In my next article, I will set out the way in which you can reach a decision and apply it to some actual cases.

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1978	£ 784	£15,545
1979	£ 936	£17,488
1980	£1,087	£13,578
1981	£1,192	£16,066
1982	£1,078	£16,517
1983	£1,126	£20,403
1984	£1,171	£24,431
1985	£1,315	£32,133

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GENERAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE To provide a portfolio designed to achieve a high income from stocks and shares.
DEALING IN UNITS Units may normally be bought or sold on any working day. Certificates will normally be forwarded within 14 days. When units are sold back to the Managers, payment is normally made within 7 days of our receiving renounced certificates. *Prices and the yield are quoted daily in the Financial Times.* The Times and on Prestel *48128#.
NET INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS 28th February and 28th August each year.
CHARGES Initial charge: 5¼ plus a rounding adjustment not exceeding the lower of 1% or 1.25p per unit, which is included in the offer price of units. Remuneration (at rates available on request) will be paid to authorised professional advisers. Annual charge: ½% of the value of the Fund plus VAT (permitted maximum 1% plus VAT - subject to three months' notice). This is *deducted from the Fund's assets to meet Managers' expenses, including Trustee's fees.*
INVESTMENT POWERS The Managers have executed a supplemental trust deed enabling them to purchase and write traded options subject to the limitations laid down by the Department of Trade and Industry.
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Your money questions answered

I AM nearly 81 and my wife is nearly 78. Our only child is our daughter who lives in the USA with her family and we are very anxious that she should benefit from our life's savings when we are gone. We own a house valued at roughly £45,000 and some £9,000 of investments. If I die before my wife she would receive regular income of approximately £75 per week, plus the house and savings which are all in our joint names.

In the event of my wife being placed in a home would the local authority have the right to sell the house and take all our savings to meet the expenses or is there some means of making the house over to our daughter.— J. D., London, NW9.

THE local authority have no power to compel a resident in a home to sell his property so as to pay the accommodation charges. However, they can place a charge on the property that would enable them to recover the accrued balance of charges when the property is finally sold (probably after death). Since you have between £9,000-£10,000 invested you could at this stage transfer your house to your daughter, while retaining a life tenancy in it.

Section 21 of the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 states that an authority, in certain circumstances, will be able to recover accommodation charges from recipients of the transferred assets. (This section is not yet in force). It would have to be shown that the assets had been transferred knowingly and with intent to avoid charges. However, in your case, your investments could be used, if necessary to pay for your accommodation charges and therefore there should be no objection to transferring the property.

Good cause

I REACH my 60th birthday this year. My wife, 14 years older than me, was in full time employment until we married in 1955. Until we read an article in the Guardian we did not think she would be entitled to any State pension until I became 65. We have had a disappointing answer from our local social security office.— P.M. Kent.

JUDGING by the number of letters about State pensions, the situation of numerous people, women in particular, do not fit into the general rules. The result is utter confusion.

The most common complainants are women who reach retirement age of 60 and discover, sometimes years later, that *they do not* have to wait until their husbands reach retirement age of 65 before they can collect any pension due to them in their own right.

What annoys them even more is when they are *refused, as in your case, all* the back money they are entitled to. This is because you should claim three months before you are due to the pension. Only three months' arrears is normally paid, unless you show a "good cause" *for claiming late. If* you can do this, it's worth a try, but even then you are unlikely to get more than a year's back money.

But saying that you didn't know you were entitled to your pension is unlikely to be accepted as a "good cause" for not claiming.

Wrong or inadequate advice by an official at your local DHSS office qualifies as a "good cause" for a late claim.

My advice to you and others in a similar situation is to plug away at your local DHSS office until you get some satisfaction. There have been cases of the department stretching the rules.

Share deals

I AM shortly to be invited to participate in a five-year savings related share option scheme run by my company. This means a minimum saving of £10 a month over five years, with an option at the end of the period either to buy shares in the company at 90 per cent of today's value or take the proceeds of my monthly savings with a guaranteed bonus of 3.3 per cent compounded. Your views on this form of investment would be greatly appreciated.—P.G., Warrington.

COMPANY share option schemes can be a very attractive form of saving, but their full value will depend on the prospects for your company's share price in the future, and on your continuing to save for five years. If the company's share price has fallen when you come to exercise your option you still have your own building society share account at the end of the five-year term, though you could certainly earn more over the period in some other form of savings. If the price has risen, an option to buy at 90 per cent of today's price will be very worthwhile indeed. A disadvantage is that if you change your job before your plan matures, the option to buy shares lapses. Take a long, careful look at your company's prospects before you decide.

Future plans

I AM due to retire in about five years' time. Where can I get some information on financial planning? — D.S.M., Canterbury.

MANY employers invite retirement counsellors to talk to employees due to retire. If your employer does not already do so, it may be worth suggesting it to him. I would also refer you to Age Concern. This is a registered charity which promotes the welfare of elderly people.

The organisation publishes a wide range of booklets aimed at people like yourself and those already in retirement. One you may be particularly interested in is Your Taxes and Savings in Retirement. It costs only £1.50 from Bernard Sunley House, 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey. Age Concern will gladly send you a full list of its publications.

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Weekend Money is edited by Margaret Dibben

What started the rot in last year's crop on Michael Hyde's allotment? And how can he avoid it this year?

Onions without tears

BULB ONIONS are grown successfully on most allotments. They are a suitable crop if you can escape the allium ailments of white rot, neck rot, thick neck, downy mildew, smut, rust, et al. Some people abhor their *smell, but in the kitchen they* are gastronomic gold.

Onions have adapted to and grow in all parts of the world except the tropics. They can be white, yellow, or red, of varying shape and flavour, with differing harvesting times and storing capability. Science and research improve varieties and work towards disease resistance.

On our allotment enclave, onions have been much in evidence for the past week or so, arrayed in smart ranks and squares uniformly green, upright, and proud. They have been growing apace. Some of our plot holders, younger enthusiasts like Eric, experiment with the less common alliums such as the Egyptian tree onion which, I understand, is not to be found growing in Egypt; and Japanese onions which originated in China. I myself have a few Welsh (Japanese) bunching onions from the Northern Horticultural Society's last seed distribution. Few grow garlic. Leeks are a *most popular* crop and can be harvested from November until April, though they tend to become a bit tough by then. Most grow the old and trusted favourites like Musselburgh. There are, of course, new varieties like Early Market and Winter Crop (late maturing).

Welsh and tree onions: drawing by Sharon Finmark.

Nelson, my plot associate, and myself are particularly pleased this year with our early maturing Japanese onions. It is the first time we have harvested mature onions in July. They are Senshyu Semi-Globe Yellow from Suttons. This variety is in the classified list of the National Institute of Agricultural Botany, following 1974-81 trials; pronounced good for both resistance to bolting and winter hardiness.

Our seed was sown on two separate dates last August. The seedlings, having spurned and survived the hard winter, were transplanted, yes, transplanted, by Nelson early this year. He followed his own instincts rather than the advice on the seed packet to thin but not transplant. Perhaps, therefore, we are undeservedly lucky because we have had no ailing transplants, nor have we been beset by bolting. We are now using these bulb onions happily while waiting for our main crops to mature, cure, and store. This August, for the sake of comparison, we shall plant Senshyu onion *sets* — that is, if we are quick enough off the mark to get some before our village garden shop sells out.

In the belief that the more you know about a vegetable, the more interesting it becomes to grow it, I have been dipping into the authoritative work. *Onions and Their Allies*, by Jones and Mann, published in New York and London in the World's Crops' Series. Plot holders in Poland and elsewhere, I learn, grow their own onion sets, thickly and crowded to stunt growth, and store them from November to February either on reed mats in the rafters, or in the living room in baskets beside the kitchen stove. The largest sets are placed nearest the stove and the smaller ones farther away and for a shorter time, because storage temperatures affect bolting. In fact, some trials have shown that most bolting is found in sets kept at 40-50 degrees F, and least with those at 60-70F.

Last year our bulb onions didn't keep and consequently I am wondering with some apprehension what fate awaits us this year. The drying and storing of onions, as one might expect, differs in different areas. Where possible, countries grow varieties which they can harvest during favourable climatic conditions. In Japan, they pack the onions in loosely woven straw baskets, or hang them in bundles from bamboo canes in roofed but open field sheds; Idaho, they use crates and burlap bags, Texas, bushel baskets; in California they dry them in windows, several onions deep, in the open; Spain, in grass-thatched, slatted storage bins.

What then, I ask myself, could have started the rot in our own last year's crop. Was it inadequate care and attention? Lifting too soon or too late? Drying them too near our composting area where disease spores might have been flying through the air with the greatest of ease? Or have we ever — heaven forbid — thrown rotten onions on the compost heap rather than destroy them by holocaust? Surely not. Nelson says some of the crop were rotting before lifting which, alas, suggests infected soil. Or were our onions suffering in sympathy with some in our local university's botanic garden about a mile away where valuable research is being done by the pathology department to find an antidote to white rot and thereby bring ultimate benefit to the onion eaters of the world?

Who can say? I wish I could. Our onion squads look so cheeerful and healthy just now in early July that it is difficult to envisage an extra month bringing a dread change. We shall be on the alert, of course, if not on our knees. One thing, I fear, is certain. I shall never achieve the epitaph, "He knew his onions."

Odd jobbing

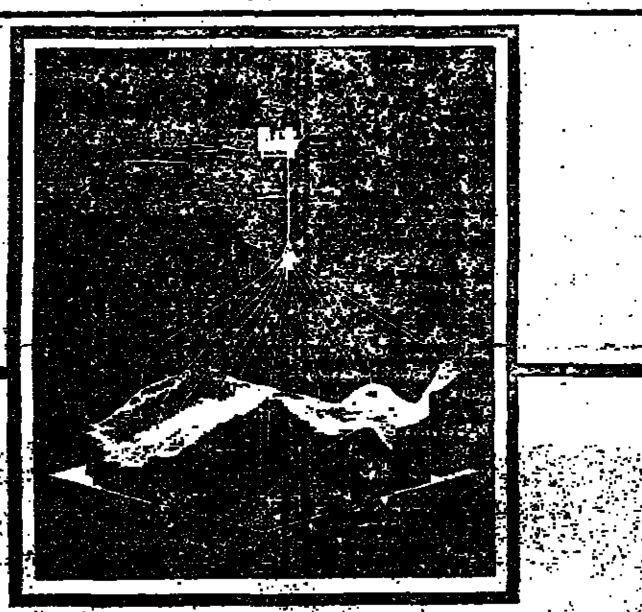
by Hilary Applegate

I HAVE just started to foster the surrounds of a new house; a fairly small, enclosed angular back graden and an open plan front. The builders endowed most walls and fences with a range of shrubs, plus four 3 metre high trees. The thin soil has baked hard as iron.

First priority is to reduce the flourishing weed population to give the garden plants a chance of settling in. Next I shall look for a convenient supply of well rotted or inert organic material for use as a mulch. This will retain moisture, restrain weeds, and improve the soil structure. The important thing about applying a mulch at this time of year is to ensure that the soil is thoroughly wetted beforehand, either by act of God or by less gracious means. Otherwise the organic overlay will absorb subsequent rainfall and actually exacerbate the dryness underneath.

Then I shall erect a system of supporting wires around most of the walls, so that new shoots of pyracantha, Cotoneaster horizontalis, Fatshedera, etc, can be trained whilst young and relatively supple.

People within easy reach of the capital may like to visit *the North London Community* Gardens opening to the public this weekend. Forgotten urban land has been reclaimed by local residents as their contribution to Greening the City. The themes of the gardens range from ecology to recreation, from food production to woodland. For information of where to go and when, phone the Calthorpe Project, 01-837 8019 today or tomorrow.



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Consolidated Profit and Loss Account (Unaudited)	Six Months ended 30.6.85 £ million	Six months ended 30.6.84 £ million
Turnover	968.1	645.9
Operating profit	364.1	282.1
Net interest (payable)/receivable	0.6	(2.1)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	364.7	280.0
Taxation		
Petroleum Revenue Tax		
– excluding safeguard	(206.6)	(165.8)
– safeguard	8.9	15.6
Corporation Tax	(75.6)	(66.4)
Profit for the financial period	91.4	63.4
Dividends	(20.1)	(16.5)
Amount set aside to reserves	71.3	46.9
Earnings per share	18.19p	12.66p
Dividend per share	4.00p	3.30p
Funds generated from operations less tax paid	257.8	290.5
Additions to fixed assets	330.9	269.9

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The Directors have decided to pay an interim dividend of 4.00p per share. Except in the case of the shares which are to be the subject of HM Government's proposed Offer for Sale, payment will be made on 1st October 1985 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 2nd September 1985.

THE SIX MONTHS' HIGHLIGHTS

* Turnover increases to £968.1 million. Revenue from equity production at £775.6 million is up £143.7 million (23%) on the 1984 first half year. The remainder of the increase is due to sales of purchased petroleum at £192.5 million (£14.0 million in 1984).
* Pre-tax profit increases to £364.7 million, up £84.7 million (30%) on the 1984 half year, and after-tax profit to £91.4 million, up £28.0 million (44%).
* Oil production (including LPG and condensate) averages 178,300 barrels per day (157,800 barrels per day in the 1984 half year) and gas production 256 million cubic feet per day (226 million cubic feet per day in the 1984 half year).
* Is acquiring interests in 23 UK landward licences, including the Humbly Grove oil field and the Horndean and Herriard oil discoveries, and 3 UK offshore licences, including the Glenn field, from Hadson Petroleum International plc.
* Farmed in with an initial 16.5% interest to Texaco operated block 3/4a and the option of a further 33.5% interest in a development. Interests in other blocks also acquired by farm-in.
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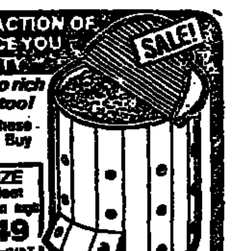

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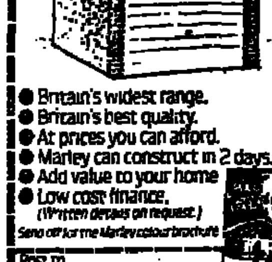

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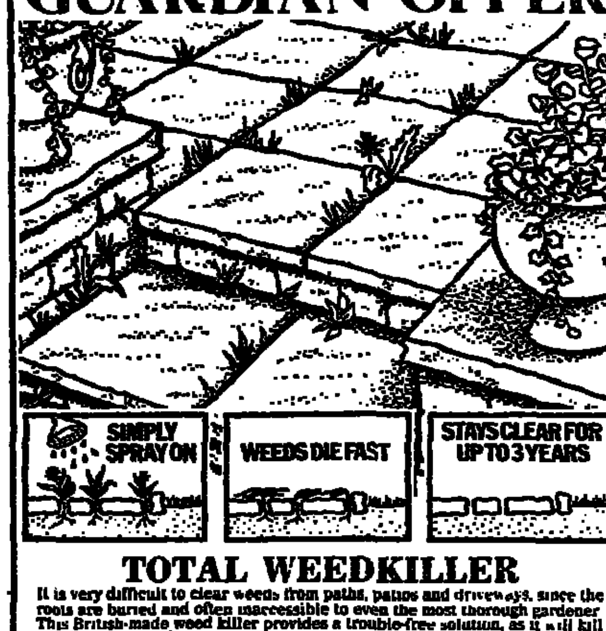

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Madeleine Dyer suggests that quality control in building is largely in the hands of the industry itself

Can the customer trust the housebuilders?

IF press and television advertising *is* to be believed, house buyers trust builders with the design and construction of their new home, preferring to concentrate more on the colour of the bathroom suite and amenities in the kitchen. This public disinterest in the methods of constructing a new house, which is at least five times more expensive than a new car, has spawned criticism about the lack of quality assurance in the housebuilding industry.

Some of these criticisms came to light in the World In Action programme in 1983 which featured lax site standards and poor management of materials on some of Barratt's timber frame sites. Further, a recent interim report on timber frame housing compiled by the Building Research Establishment revealed "potentially disastrous" faults on ten timber frame sites in the South of England and the West Midlands. But this report was not intended for public viewing.

Recognising that such secrecy could only alarm owners and potential buyers of timber frame houses, the BRE said later that the interim report's research was incomplete and that "evidence ... indicates that the performance in service of timber frame housing is no less satisfactory than that of traditional construction."

But what guidelines are there for the public to base their decisions on the trustworthiness of builders and their products? Information on timber frame and masonry-contructed new homes is available from the National *House Building Council*, issuer of the ten-year warranty against structural defects, and the House Builders' Federation, home of the New Homes Marketing Board. Yet professionals on the fringes of the industry suspect some housebuilders and the bodies that serve them of being top heavy on bureaucracy and light on management talent, and of not adequately protecting the public against failures in new housing and the products that go into them.

Ted Cantle, director of housing at the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, describes as "abysmal" the £15 million currently available for publicly funded research carried out by bodies like the Building Research Establishment when the construction industry's total output a year is £25 billion. "Research into products like new materials is vital. Yet existing quality assurance and product evaluation schemes are very limited. They tell us nothing about the future performance and are in my view inadequate."

Mr Cantle also thinks the NHBC could do more to help the consumer. "The role of the NHBC is absolutely critical, but it is seen as being run more in the interests of builders themselves rather than the consumers".

Andrew Tait, secretary general of the NHBC, which has six builders on its 18 member executive committee and 24,000 builders on its register, naturally disagrees. He thinks the NHBC has ensured that houses of both forms of construction are better built now than ever before. He has commissioned a £40,000 pilot study conducted on ten builders by an independent quality assurance consultant to test their products, site management, administrative systems, and profitability. All the builders taking part said they had learnt to improve their service to house buyers as a result.

NHBC members like Wimpey Homes have their own laboratories funded at their own expense which test and monitor the effects of fire or continual exposure to water on well constructed and purposefully defective housing. Wimpey also checks out the manufacturers of the materials it uses.

But less scrupulous builders, it would appear from available figures, are responsible for 20,000 claims against the NHBC 10-year warranty since the scheme's introduction in 1967. And the public is often the target of trade wars between vested interests in the masonry lobbies within the housebuilding industry. Although only 24 claims of the 20,000 were recorded for specific timber-frame defects in England, the market share of this method of construction has fallen from a peak of 21 per cent in April, 1982, to 9 per cent this April, and it is still falling.

Yet Scotland appears to buck this trend, and it is likely that public confidence in Scottish quality assurance is the reason. Walker Homes of Livingston, part of the Walker Group, was one of the first housebuilders to introduce timber frame to the Scottish private market. It has built over 2,000 such houses since 1969, and the group has just opened a 30,000 sq ft factory costing £1.2 millions for the manufacture of timber frame house kits. "That is how confident we are in timber frame," says group managing director Mike Walker.

He thinks lax site standards for timber frame were nipped in the bud by the Scottish National House-Building Council as early as 1971.

Mr Walker has trained his staff in the use of timber frame erection. "Timber frame is a better system as long as it is manufactured to high standards and erected to the requirements of the NHBC. I would be the first to say this is where the system breaks down. It is up to each builder to ensure site supervision is correct."

There are reputable timber frame manufacturers in England, too. Llewellyn Homes have just been awarded a £4.1 millions contract by the Milton Keynes Development Corporation to build 153 homes at Crownhill, the bulk of which are timber frame. They have won a further £1 million contract to build 33 timber framed houses for rent at Thamesmead for the Greater London Council.

GLC's chief project manager, David Lawrence, says no matter what kind of building it is, a presence on site is essential. "We have always been used to a high level of site supervision on all the timber framing we have done and we have never had any trouble with it."

Until the public starts to ask questions on site supervision and training of staff on the sites where they buy their houses of either form of construction, quality assurance will continue to be determined by the builder rather than the consumer.

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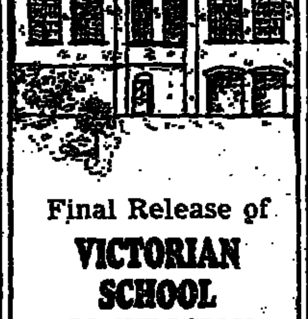

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Thursday 18 July 7.45 pm: RAGLAN BAROQUE PLAYERS AND SINGERS Nicholas Kraemer (director) Lynne Dawson, Elizabeth Lane, Michael Chance, Charles Daniels, Handel Nisi Dominus; Concerto Grosso in B flat, Op 6 No 7; Concerto Grosso in B flat Op 3 No 2; Sonata a 5; Dixit Dominus. £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £7 — Handel Tercentenary Festival (EMY)

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ADELPHI. 836 7611 or 240 7913/4. CC 741 9999 / 379 6433 / 836 7358. Group Sales 930 6123. "HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S. Exp. THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL ME AND MY GIRL ROBERT LINDSAY "An Absolutely Inspired Performance" Fin. Times. FRANK THORNTON EMMA THOMPSON DIRECTED BY MIKE OCKRENT Nightly at 7.30, Mats. Wed. 2.30 & Sat. 4.30 & 8.0. SOME RETURNS USUALLY AVAILABLE FROM MID-AFTERNOON.

ALBERY. 836 3878. CC 379 6565, CC 741 9999, Group Sales 930 6123 / 836 3962 / 434 3598. Tickets available from all branches of Keith Prowse. Evgs. 8.0, Fri. & Sat. 6.0, 8.45. Joe Brown, Jeremy Clyde, Lynsey de Paul, Peter Duncan, Clodagh Rodgers, Chad Stuart. THE ACCLAIMED FUN MUSICAL PUMP BOYS & DINETTES "OUTSTANDING" Obs. "Non-stop action. It's just one heck of a lot of fun!" D.M. (Air-conditioned theatre)

ALDWYCH THEATRE. 01-836 6404/0641. CC 379 6233. Evgs 7.30, Wed. 2.30, Sat. 4.0 & 8.0. PAUL EDDINGTON & FELICITY KENDAL SIMON CADELL in TOM STOPPARD'S JUMPERS with ANDREW SACHS Directed by PETER WOOD

AMBASSADORS, 836 6111 CC 379 6433. Evgs. 8.0, Mats. Tue. & Sat 3.0. "FAR MORE ENJOYABLE THAN THE MAJORITY OF OVERBLOWN MUSICALS" Gdn. FIGARO MOZART'S MUSICAL COMEDY "IT HAS ENORMOUS SPRING-HEELED VIVACITY" City Limits "KEEPS YOU ON THE EDGE OF YOUR SEAT" Times. "A TRIUMPH" City Limits "IT'S WONDERFUL . . . AND FUN!" BBC.

CC These theatres accept certain credit cards by telephone or at box office.

APOLLO VICTORIA. 828 8665, CC 630 6262. Group Sales 930 6123. STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by Richard Stilgoe Directed by Trevor Nunn "A MUSICAL THAT SURPASSES ANYTHING AROUND IN EVERY DIMENSION," D. Exp. Evgs. 7.45, Mats. Tues./Sat. 3.0. BOX OFFICE OPEN 10 am-8 pm NEW BOOKING PERIOD NOW OPEN TO MARCH '86

ASHCROFT CROYDON. 01-688 9291, CC 01-680 5955. July 15-20 ALAN BLEASDALE'S OUTRAGEOUS COMEDY HIT HAVING A BALL

BARBICAN. 01-628 8795, 638 8891 CC (Mon.-Sun. 10 am-8 pm). For inc. hotel package 01-330 7111. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY BARBICAN THEATRE. Today 2.0 & 7.30 RED NOSES by Peter Barnes "just the thing if you're dying for a laugh" D. Mail (runs 3 hrs.) July 17-20 HAMLET. Day seats from 10 am. THE PIT Ton't. 7.30 DREAM-PLAY by August Strindberg (sold out, runs 3 hrs). RSC also at Mermaid.

BUSH THEATRE (Air cond). 743 3388. CALIFORNIA DOG FIGHT by Mark Lee. Tonight & Sun. 8 pm.

CHICHESTER. 0243 781312. ANTONY & CLEOPATRA / THE PHILANTHROPIST. Evgs. 7.30, Mats. Thu. & Sat. 2.30.

COMEDY 01-930 2578. CC 839 1438. Evgs 8.0, Fri. and Sat. 6.0 & 8.45. MONSTER MUSICAL HIT LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS 2nd MOUTH-WATERING YEAR "I LOVED IT—HOPE IT RUNS FOR A 1,000 YEARS" Time Out. Seats at some Perfs from £6.50 Group Sales Box Office 930 6123.

CRITERION Air Cond. S 930 3216 CC 379 6565 / 379 6433 / 741 9999. Groups 836 3962. Evgs 8.0, Mats. Thur 2.30, Sat 5.30 & 8.30. BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST The Theatre of Comedy Company ROBIN ASKWITH GEOFFREY HUGHES BILL PERTWEE TESSA WYATT ANITA GRAHAM with GARETH HUNT and BARRY HOWARD in RUN FOR YOUR WIFE Written and Directed by RAY COONEY Over 900 side-splitting performances. "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE," S. Exp. Seats £4.50 to £9.50 Special Theatre Dinner Criterion Brasserie / Stalls or Circle Tkt £14.60.

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 379 6565 CCSHOWPEOPLE present Libby Morris, David Kernan, Jack Tinker in a tribute to ETHEL MERMAN ". . . a thrilled audience were demanding enchores . . . sung with great panache by Libby Morris . . . class with a capital 'K'" D. Mail. Tues. to Thurs. 10 pm, Fri. & Sat. 11 pm, Sun. 5.0 & 7.30. CC 741 9999. 379 6443. Grps 930 6123.

DONMAR WAREHOUSE, Earlham St, Cov. Gdn, 836 3028. CC 379 6565/6433. Mon.-Thur. 7.30, Fri. & Sat. 6.0 & 8.30. Jules Feiffer's New Revue FEIFFER'S AMERICA From Eisenhower to Reagan "SUBLIMELY FUNNY" Obs. MUST END JULY 20!

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 379 6565 CC. 741 9999/379 6433. Grps 930 6123. From July 22 return of KERN GOES TO HOLLYWOOD With Elaine Delmar, David Kernan, Liz Robertson, Elisabeth Welch. "A KNOCKOUT" F. Times. Mon.-Fri. 7.30, Sat. 6.0 & 8.30.

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL. 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066. 01-240 9067. David Merrick's 42ND STREET "The show has now swept up all the top prizes for musicals," D. Exp. BEST MUSICAL Standard Drama Award "Exhilarating" D. Tel. BEST MUSICAL Laurence Olivier Award "Dazzling," D. Mail. BEST MUSICAL Plays and Players London Theatre Critics Award "You won't find a show in London with more razzle dazzle" D. Exp. Evgs. 8.0, Mats. Wed. 3.0, Sats. 5.0 & 8.30. Group Sales 01-930 6123. Booking until July 1986 BOX OFFICE OPEN Mon.-Sat. 10 am-8 pm.

DUCHESS THEATRE, 836 8243, 240 9648, CC 836 8243, 240 9648, 379 6433 or from W H Smith Travel. Evgs 8.0, Fri. & Sat. 5.30 & 8.30 GARY BOND NICHOLA McAULIFFE A STATE OF AFFAIRS By Graham Swannell Directed by Peter James

DUKE OF YORK'S, S 836 5122, CC 836 9837/379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123. Evgs. 8. Mat. Thu. 3. Sat 5 & 8.30. "TRIUMPH ON TAP" Eve Std. STEPPING OUT The Hit Comedy by Richard Harris Directed by Julia McKenzie THIS YEAR'S COMEDY OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award 1984 "LAUGH YOURSELF SILLY" T. Out "Had the first night audience yelling for more," D. Mail. "Must surely take the town . . . GO NOW," D. Tel. "Roars of approval," Times. "It's going to tap, tap, tap forever," N.O.W. "A brand new All Dancing, All Joking Smash Hit Comedy . . . A GREAT EVENING," BBC

FORTUNE S. CC. 836 2238. Evgs. 8.00, Fri. & Sat. 6.00 & 8.40. FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED THIS YEAR'S COMEDY OF THE YEAR Laurence Olivier Awards 1984 UP 'N' UNDER "A wonderful comedy." S. Times. "Splendid . . ." — D. Tel. "One of the funniest and least pretentious plays you are ever going to see . . . Totally hysterical" — Obs. "Excitement and hilarity. . . . Persuading the audience to clap and cheer" — S. Tel. "A joy" S. Exp.

GARRICK S. CC 01-836 4601. Evgs. 8.0, Wed. Mat. 3.0, Sat. 5.0 & 8.0. 15th HYSTERICAL YEAR. LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY IN THE WORLD NO SEX, PLEASE — WE'RE BRITISH 2 hrs of non-stop laughter Directed by Allan Davis CC379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123. OVER 5,355 FANTASTIC PERFS

GLOBE. CC 437 1592. Andrew Lloyd Webber presents COMEDY OF THE YEAR SWET AWARD 1983 DAISY PULLS IT OFF By Denise Deegan Directed by David Gilmore "ABSOLUTELY SPIFFING" D Tel "FULL MARKS FOR DAISY" Std "A gold star to Daisy for a delightful show." Daily Mail. Evgs. 8.0, Mats. Wed. 3.0, Sat. 4.0. Group Sales 930 6123 "THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE HOOT & A SCREAM," Sunday Times. THIRD GREAT YEAR

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL OPERA with the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Until August 14. SEATS AVAILABLE for Double Bill WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE, HIGGLETY PIGGLETY POP! 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 August. Mid-day & evening perfs. ALL OTHER PERFORMANCES SOLD OUT. Possible returns only. Today, Thurs. 5.30 pm Arabella. Tomor. 4.30 pm. Tues. 5.30 pm Albert Herring. Fri. 5.15 pm Idomeneo. BOX OFFICE 0273 812411.

GREENWICH THEATRE, 01-858 7755. Evenings 7.45, Mats. Sat. 2.30 THE NEW VIC THEATRE in THE THREE MUSKETEERS by Phil Woods.

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE. 722 9301. Evgs. 8.0, Sat. Mat. 4.30. GRAFTERS by Billy Hamon. "Tough but frequently amusing play — full of crackling humour." Std. "A remarkable first play. Totally truthful performance." Gdn.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL. 01-930 9832. Group Sales 930 6123. Evgs. Mon to Sat. 7.30. Mats Weds & Sats 2.30. LAUREN BACALL IN TENNESSEE WILLIAMS SWEET BIRD OF YOUTH Directed by Harold Pinter

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LYTTELTON. 928 2252 CC 928 5933 S. (National Theatre's proscenium stage). Today 2.30 (low price mat.) & 7.45, then July 24 & 25 the multi award-winning play WILD HONEY by Chekhov, version by Michael Frayn. Mon. 7.45, then July 16 to 18 & Aug. 8 to 10 SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER.

MAYFAIR S CC 629 3036. Mon.-Thur. 8, Fri./Sat. 5.40, 8.10. Gp. 930 6123. RICHARD TODD ERIC LANDER ANNETTE ANDRE THE BUSINESS OF MURDER The Hit Thriller by Richard Harris. "The best thriller for years." S. Mir. "An unabashed winner." S. Exp. "A thriller that achieves it all. Sensational." Times. "The most ingenious mystery to have appeared in a decade. A play to be seen." D. Mail. 5th GREAT YEAR OVER 1,600 PERFORMANCES

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OLIVIER. 928 2252 CC 928 5933 S. (National Theatre's open stage). Today 2.00 (low price mat.) & 7.15, Mon. 7.15, then Aug 5 & 6 PRAVDA — A Fleet Street Comedy by Howard Brenton and David Hare.

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PALACE THEATRE 437 6834 CC 437 8327/379 6433. Grp. Sales 930 6123. Evgs. 7.45. Mat. Thurs. & Sat. 2.30. Pre-theatre buffet from 6.45. DOREEN WELLS TIM FLAVIN ELSPET GRAY JOHN BLUTHAL "THE MUSICAL THAT MAKES YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH SHOW BUSINESS," Mail on S. RODGERS & HART'S ON YOUR TOES "An explosion of pure joy," Gdn. "Deliriously funny," Tms. "RUN TO SEE THIS SHOW," Daily Mail.

PHOENIX THEATRE. 240 9661. cc 836 2294. Group Sales 930 6123 "This fine piece . . . brilliantly funny" — Times. "Raunchy night out" — S. Exp. STRIPPERS A New Comedy by PETER TERSON "Compassion, wit and a good deal of worldly wisdom . . . savagely observant" — D. Mail. Evgs. Mon-Sat., 7.45, Mats. Thurs., 3.0, Sat., 4.30. Credit Card Hotline 741 9999. Last 2 weeks, must close July 20.

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PRINCE EDWARD. Tel. 01-437 6877 S. Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber's EVITA THE GIANT OF MUSICALS Directed by Hal Prince. Evgs. 8.0. Mats. Thurs. & Sat. at 3.0. CC Hotline 439 8499. 379 6433. 741 9999. Group Sales 930 6123.

PRINCE OF WALES. 01-930 8681/2 CC Hotline 01-930 0844/5/6. Group Sales 01-930 6123. K. Prowse 01-741 9999. Evgs. 7.30. Mats. Thur. & Sat. at 3.0. "One of the best musicals of all time" The Std. The National Theatre of Gt Britain Award Winning GUYS AND DOLLS Starring LULU NORMAN ROSSINGTON CLARKE PETERS BETSY BRANTLEY DAVID HEALY "A raucously elegant show" S. Times. "A CLASSIC of its kind" D. Tel. "DYNAMITE" D. Mail. "It can only encourage American tourists to clog the Capital's transport system demanding directions to Piccadilly Circus." The Times.

QUEENS. 01-734 1166, 734 1167, 734 0261, 734 0120, 439 3849, 439 4031. Grp. Sales 930 6123. Red. Price Prevs. from July 25. Evgs. 7.45. Wed. Mat., 2.30. VANESSA REDGRAVE JONATHAN PRYCE in THE SEAGULL by Anton Chekhov Directed by CHARLES STURRIDGE FOR A LIMITED SEASON

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SAVOY. Box Office 01-836 8888. CC 01-379 6219; 836 0479. Evgs. 7.45. Matinees Wednesday 3.0, Saturday 5.0 & 8.30. 4TH YEAR OF THE AWARD-WINNING COMEDY HIT MICHAEL MEDWIN JOSEPHINE TEWSON HUGH PADDICK ROLAND CURRAM DILYS WATLING PHILIP BIRD NOISES OFF "MICHAEL FRAYN'S COMEDY IS THE FUNNIEST PLAY I HAVE EVER SEEN IN THE WEST END," Tms. Directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE.

SHAFTESBURY. 379 5399. CC 741 9999. Grp. Sales 930 6123. Evgs. 8.0. Sat. 5.30 and 8.30. Wed. Mat. 3.0. THEATRE OF COMEDY CO Anton Rodgers Michael Williams Moray Watson, Wanda Ventham and Kathy Staff TWO INTO ONE Written and directed by Ray Cooney "Hilarious Production" F.T. "Comic acting at its finest" S Tel OVER 300 PERFORMANCES

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STRAND. W.C.2. 01-836 2660/4143/5190. Evenings 8.0, Mats. Wed. 2.30, Sats. 5.30 & 8.30. "RICHARD BRIERS MANAGES TO BREAK US APART WITH LAUGHTER" Daily Mail DIANE FLETCHER POLLY HEMINGWAY in WHY ME? The new comedy by Stanley Price With LIZ SMITH Directed by Robert Chetwyn. LAST WEEKS, MUST CLOSE AUGUST 3.

TRICYCLE. 328 8626. Evgs. 8 pm. Sat. Mats. 4 pm. Temba — PANTOMIME by Derek Walcott. "Two cracking performances." Gdn. "Hilarious two-hander." S. Times.

VAUDEVILLE 01-836 9987/836 5645. Evenings 7.45, Matinees Wednesday 2.30, Sats 5.0 & 8.30 WINNER OF ALL 3 MAJOR AWARDS BEST PLAY OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award Laurence Olivier Award Plays/Players London Critics Award POLLY ADAMS CLIVE FRANCIS JAN WATERS GLYN GRAIN MICHAEL FRAYN'S NEW PLAY BENEFACTORS Dir by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE

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London

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CAMDEN PLAZA, 485 2443 (opp tube Camden Town). Andrzej Wajda's A LOVE IN GERMANY (15). Must end Wed. From Thurs., July 18, Marta Meszaros's DIARY FOR MY CHILDREN (PG). Film at 1.55, 4.10, 6.25, 8.45.

CHELSEA CINEMA. 351 3742. Kings Road (Nearest Tube Sloane Sq). Bertrand Blier's OUR STORY (15). "ALAIN DELON & NATHALIE BAYE give the performances of their lives" Derek Elley, London Film Festival. Film at 1.45, 4.0, 6.20, 8.45. Lic. Bar. Seats Bookable for 8.45 perf.

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ICA CINEMA, THE MALL, SW1. 930 3647. Tues. - Sun. SUBURBIA (USA 1983 Cert 18). Written and Directed by Penelope Spheeris. "The brightest new talent in American films" — Derek Malcolm 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. Bookable. ICA CINEMATHEQUE: IMPROPER CONDUCT (The Gay Sensibility in the Arts) 6.30 THE COLOUR OF POMEGRANATES plus THE RELEASER 8.30 IMPROPER CONDUCT. ICA CINEMATHEQUE Sunday 6.30 BORN IN FLAMES. 8.30 IMPROPER CONDUCT. ICA CHILDREN'S CINEMA CLUB MANGAI SEASON. Sat. & Sun. 3.00 SPACE FIREBIRD (7 years up). All seats bookable.

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ODEON HAYMARKET. (930 2738). BIRDY (15). Sep. progs daily 2.00, 5.35, 8.25. Late Night Show Fri & Sat. 11.30 pm. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

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PHOENIX, East Finchley, 883 2233. WETHERBY (15) at 4.05, 6.10, 8.25. Ends 18th. Tn't at 11 pm MAN OF FLOWERS (18) + THE HIT (18).

SCREEN AT THE ELECTRIC, 229 3694. IT'S COOLER INSIDE. One week only. Eddie Murphy in BEVERLY HILLS COP (15). 2.35 (not Sun), 4.35, 7.00, 9.00. Late Show 11.15. Wim Wenders Cannes Prize Winner, PARIS TEXAS (15) plus DIVA (18). Sun. Mat. at 2.00, Marilyn Monroe, Jane Russell in GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES.

SCREEN ON BAKER STREET, 935 2772. IT'S COOLER INSIDE. "The Best British Film of the Decade." (1) Rupert Everett in DANCE WITH A STRANGER (15). 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45. Late Show 11.15. Robert De Niro in Terry Gilliam's BRAZIL (15). (2) Last Weeks. Winner of 3 Awards, SILVER CITY (15). 2.50, 4.55, 7.00, 9.00. Late Show 11.15. LIQUID SKY (18). Lic. Bar. Tickets Bookable.

SCREEN ON THE HILL, 435 3366. IT'S COOLER INSIDE. "The brightest new talent in American films." Derek Malcolm — The Guardian. A Film by Penelope Spheeris, SUBURBIA (18). London Festival Entry. 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. Lic. Bar. Tickets Bookable. Air Conditioned. Late Show 11.15. KOYAANISQATSI (PG). Luc Besson's THE LAST BATTLE (18).

SCREEN ON ISLINGTON GREEN, 226 3520 IT'S COOLER INSIDE. Cher — Best Actress Award — Cannes 85, MASK (15). 1.50, 4.10, 6.30, 8.45. Late Show 11.15. Neil Jordan's COMPANY OF WOLVES (18). John Hurt & Terence Stamp in THE HIT (18).

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SATURDAY

BBC-1

7 10-8 25 am Open University. 8 30 The Saturday Picture Show.

10 55 **GRANDSTAND.** Including: 11 0, 1 40, 2 5, 2 35, 3 15, 5 30 cricket — Third Test from Trent Bridge. 1 0 News; 1 5, 2 5, 2 35, 3 15, 4 20 golf — Lawrence Batley International Classic; 1 55, 2 25, 2 55 racing from Lingfield Park and The Curragh; 3 40 show jumping from Hickstead.

6 25 **NEWS:** Weather News; sport; regional news magazines.

6 40 **TERRY AND JUNE.** Terry Scott, June Whitfield as the cosy couple of the sitcom repeat, she decreeing that neighbourly relations must be improved and despatching him on a bird-watching trip to that end. Ceefax sub-titles.

7 10 **ACES HIGH.** Jack Gold's powerful anti-war drama centres on a RFC squadron on the Western Front in the First World War. Malcolm McDowell plays the disillusioned squadron leader, Peter Firth an idealistic young flier, with strong Brit support from Christopher Plummer, Simon Ward, cameos by Ray Milland, John Gielgud, Trevor Howard. Made in 1976.

9 0 **THE VAL DOONICAN MUSIC SHOW.** With tuneful contributions from Roger Whittaker, Nana Mouskouri, Rolf Harris.

9 45 **NEWS;** sport; Weather News.

10 0 **LIVE AID FOR AFRICA.** BBC-1 takes over live coverage of the world's biggest-ever rock show (see also BBC-2), with Radio One providing simultaneous stereo transmission of the whole thing. All the performances now come from Philadelphia, with some of the pop names who've already done their stint at Wembley chatting to Mike Smith and Mark Ellen between US acts, from a West End night club. The line-up in order of appearance should be Tom Petty; The Cars; Kenny Loggins; Neil Young; Power Station; Eric Clayton; Phil Collins; Robert Plant; Jimmy Page; Paul Martinez; Duran Duran; Madonna; Patti Labelle; Hall and Oates; The Temptations; Mick Jagger; Tina Turner; Bob Dylan, and finale. 4 0 (approx.) Weather. Close.

BBC-2

6 25 Open University.

11 50 **LIVE AID FOR AFRICA.** Reminding us what the next 16 hours is all about. Michael Buerk reports from Ethiopia, on the world's response to the African famine.

12 0 **LIVE AID FOR AFRICA.** You don't need to know the first thing about pop music to appreciate the historic nature, and applaud the aims, of the live transatlantic "supergig," introduced by its mastermind Bob Geldof, which lines up the pick of the world's rock and pop talent. By the time it finishes at dawn tomorrow, it will have reached an estimated global audience of one and a half billion, and raised, they hope, £10m for famine relief. The concert venues are Wembley Stadium and, from 5 0 Philadelphia's JFK stadium; the running order should look approximately like this: 12 0 Opening Ceremony; 12 5 Status Quo; 12 25 Style Council; 12 47 Ultravox; 1 18 Boomtown Rats and Adam Ant; 1 47 Spandau Ballet; 2 4 Elvis Costello; 2 18 Nik Kershaw; 2 49 Sade; 3 18 Sting, Phil Collins and Julian Lennon; 3 53 Howard Jones; 4 7 Bryan Ferry; 4 38 Paul Young and Alison Moyet; 5 0 Bryan Adams; 5 20 U2; 5 41 The Beach Boys; 6 0 Dire Straits; 6 21 Tears for Fears; 6 40 Queen; 7 1 Simple Minds; 7 20 David Bowie; 7 41 Pretenders; 8 0 The Who; 8 21 Santana and Pat Metheny; 8 40 Elton John and Wham; 9 20 The Thompson Twins and Nile Rodgers; 9 39 Wembley finale with Mercury and May, Paul McCartney, tout ensemble. Continued on BBC-1

10 0 **SATURDAY REVIEW.** The arts and media review reports on the Best Books for Babies marketing campaign, other countries' view of the news, an Oxford sculpture exhibition and chic living in Wapping.

11 0 ***CRICKET: THIRD TEST.*** *Highlights.*

11 30 **THE STEPFORD WIVES.** Made in 1975, Bryan Forbes' polished chiller casts Katharine Ross as the newcomer to a select Connecticut town. 1 25 Close.

ITV London

6 15 am Good Morning Britain. 9 0 WAC trax. 9 25 LWT Information. 9 35 Matt and Jenny on the Wilderness Trail. 10 0 Max and Moritz. 11 0 Cartoon Time. 11 15 The Champions.

12 15 **WORLD OF SPORT.** Including: 12 20 *wrestling*; 12 45 news and Aussie pools check; 12 50 cycling — Tour de France; 1 10 artistic rollerskating (sic) from Bury St Edmunds; 1 25, 3 10, 4 0 International athletics — AAA's Championships from Crystal Palace with Ovett, Cram, Coe; 1 35 racing from York and Ayr; 3 50 news round-up including Irish Oaks; 4 50 results.

5 0 **NEWS;** weather.

5 5 **HAPPY DAYS:** Welcome Home, Part 2.

5 30 **CONNECTIONS.**

6 0 **CHIPS:** Journey To a Spacecraft. Another mission for the mo'bike cops.

7 0 **THE COMEDIANS.**

7 30 **BOTTLE BOYS:** Things That Go Bump In The Night. Robin Askwith leads a second series of the vulgar sitcom which has already extracted the last drop of humour out of the milkman's lot. Oracle sub-titles.

8 0 ***ULTRA QUIZ '85.*** The ten survivors of the elimination quiz go to Stratford this week, for the next stage with a Shakespearean theme.

9 0 **HUNTER:** Dead Or Alive. Fred Dryer, Stepfanie Kramer as the police partners, here competing with an unscrupulous bounty hunter in the search for a bank robber.

10 0 **NEWS;** sport; weather. London news headlines.

10 15 **THE CHINA SYNDROME.** James Bridges' tense and chilling anti-nuclear thriller, made in 1978, stars Jane Fonda and Michael Douglas as the TV journalists investigating an *accident at a power plant.* Oracle sub-titles.

12 30 **LINDA RONSTADT IN CONCERT.**

2 0 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with Monsignor John Crowley. Closedown.

Channel 4

1 0 pm Nature in Focus. 1 30 The Listening Eye. 1 55 Film: Quiet Wedding (1941). With Margaret Lockwood, Derek Farr. 3 25 Film: The Ghosts of Berkeley Square. 1947 supernatural comedy with Robert Morley, Felix Aylmer. 5 5 Brookside. Omnibus edition with Oracle sub-titles. 6 30 Babble.

7 0 **7 DAYS.** On the work of the chaplain at Durham gaol, and the new book by Audrey Peckham, A Woman In Custody; plus a discussion on present day morality.

7 30 **UNION WORLD.** As the UN Decade of Women is officially wound up, Anne Lester looks at what it has meant for British women.

8 0 **TALES FROM A LONG ROOM.** Another tall cricketing story.

8 15 **SANNE:** 6. Lotje Lohr leads the sub-titled Dutch drama of today as the teenage peace campaigner.

8 45 **THE OPTIMIST.** 1: Sea Dreams. After the awful Mog, a repeat showing of the silent comedy series which offered a much better role to Enn Reitel.

9 15 **20/20 VISION: EUTHANASIA.** Guardian columnist Hugo Young chairs the studio debate which concludes the mercy-killing trilogy, with Professor Sir A. J. Ayer and psychiatrist Dr Colin Brewer explaining why they support euthanasia, Norman St John Stevas and Dr Tom West of St Christopher's Hospice opposing it.

10 0 ***HILL STREET BLUES.*** 2: Presidential Fever. Daniel J. Travanti leads another early episode of the cult police drama as boss cop Furillo.

10 55 **"YOU KNOW HOW TO WHISTLE":** Melvyn Bragg Talks to Lauren Bacall. And hears from the elegant and ageless actress about the pressures of her early screen stardom, the celebrated marriage to Humphrey Bogart which left her a widow at 32.

11 55 **NAKED CITY:** J Don't Knock It Till You've Tried It. Walter Matthau stars in the latest old b-and-w thriller as a kidnapped psychiatrist.

12 55 **THE PAUL HOGAN SHOW.** More *repeated ribaldry with the Aussie* comic. Closedown.

Anglia

6 15 As London. 9 25 Cartoon Time. 9 35 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 10 0 The Harlem Globetrotters. 10 25 Film: First Men in the Moon. 1964 SF drama with Edward Judd, Lionel Jeffries. 12 15 As *London.* 5 5 Connections. 5 35 Dreams. 6 0 Chips. 7 0 As London. 12 30 At the End of the Day; close.

Central

6 15 As London. 9 25 Walt Disney Pre*sents.* 9 30 Freetime. 9 55 Fangface. 10 25 Film: First Men *in the Moon.* 1964 fantasy with Edward Judd, Lionel Jeffries, Martha Hyer. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Film: The Four Musketeers. 1974 swashbuckler with Oliver Reed, Raquel Welch, Richard Chamberlain. 7 0 As London. 12 30 Close.

Channel

6 15 As London. 9 25 Captain Scarlet and the Mys*terons.* 9 50 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 9 52 Blockbusters. 10 25 Standby, Lights, Camera, Action. 11 20 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 11 25 Tarzan. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5 7 *Connections.* 5 35 Cartoon Time. 5 40 Film: Terror In The Sky. 1971 mid-air melo*drama with Leif* Erikson, Doug McClure. 7 0 As London. 12 30 Weather; close.

Granada

6 15 As London. 9 25 Sesame Street. 10 20 Cartoon. 10 30 The Groovie Ghoulies. 10 55 Captain Scarlet and the *Mys*terons. 11 20 Chips. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Diff'rent Strokes. 5 35 Film: The Disappearance of Flight 412. 1975 UFO drama with Glenn Ford. 7 0 As London. 12 30 Chris Barber and Doctor John at the Marquee Club. 1 30 Close.

HTV

6 15 As London. 9 25 Professor Kitzel. 9 30 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 10 0 Fireball XL5. 10 25 Film: The In-Laws. Comedy *with Peter Falk,* Alan Arkin. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Film: Planet of the Apes. 1968 SF adventure with Charlton Heston, Roddy McDowell, Kim Hunter. 7 0 As London. 12 30 Weather; close.

South

6 15 As London. 9 25 Porky Pig. 9 35 Scooby Doo. 10 0 Batman. 10 25 Sealab 2020. 10 50 Dangerfreaks. 11 50 Do It. 12 15 As London. 5 10 Connections. 5 40 *Diff'rent* Strokes. 6 10 Chips. 7 0 Tripper's Day. 7 30 *As London.* 12 30 Company; close.

South-west

6 15 *As London.* 9 25 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 9 35 The Smurfs. 9 50 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 9 52 Blockbusters. 10 25 Standby, Lights, Camera . . . Action. 11 20 Freeze Frame. 12 15 As London. 5 7 Connections. 5 40 Film: Terror in the Sky. 1971 mid-air thriller with Leif Erik*son, Doug* McClure. 7 0 As London. 12 30 Postscript; weather: close.

Yorkshire

6 15 As London. 9 25 *Cartoon Time.* 9 35 Scooby Doo. 10 0 Short Story Theatre. 10 25 The World's Greatest *Escape* Artist. 11 20 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 11 50 Joanie Loves Chachi. 12 15 As London. 5 5 Cartoon Time. 5 10 *Film: The 39* Steps. Dull 1960 version of Buchan yarn with Kenneth More. 7 0 As London. 12 30 Close.

S4C

1 25 *Farming on 4.* 1 55 The Art of Pesuasion. 2 25 A Week in Politics. 3 10 From the Face of the Earth. 4 10 Film: A Song to Remember. 1945 biopic with Cornel Wilde as Chopin. 6 10 The Medicine Men. 6 40 The Avengers. 7 35 Newyddion. 7 45 Llun Ar Y Sgrin. 8 15 Coed. 8 45 Llangollen '85. 9 15 Tandoori Nights. 9 45 Lou Grant. 10 40 Film: The Snake Pit (1948). With *Olivia de Havil*land. 12 40 Diwedd.

RADIO

Radio 1

6 0 am Mark Page. 8 0 Peter Powell. 10 0 Dave Lee Travis. 12 noon-6 0 am Live Aid for Africa. See BBC-2 from 12 0 noon-10 0 pm; and BBC-1 10 0-6 0 am for *details.*

Radio 2

4 0 am Steve Truelove. 6 0 George Ferguson. 8 5 *David Jacobs.* 10 0 Sounds of the 60s. 11 0 Album Time. 12 30 pm Castle's Corner. 1 0 The Grumbleweeds. 1 30 Sport on 2. 6 0 Folk on 2. 7 0 Three in a Row. 7 30 Ron Goodwin. 9 30 *Big Band Special.* 10 5 Martin Kelner. 12 5 am Night Owls. 1 0 Steve Madden. 3 0-4 0 Wally Whyton.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather; News; Aubade.
9 0 News; Stereo Release. Mozart: Missa Brevis (soloists / Dresden PO/Kegel); Bruckner: Symphony *No 8 (Vienna PO/Giulini).*
10 55 Theme and Variations: Trevor Williams and Hubert Dawkes play music — for violin and piano by Mozart and David Barlow.
11 30 *SNO/Mathias Bamert.* Schubert: Six German Dances; Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 2 (Mitsuko Uchida); (12 10 Interval); Schumann: Symphony No. 2.
1 0 News; Moscheles (*Fantasy,* Variations and Finale for clarinet, violin, cello and piano) and Ries (Grand Septuor).
2 0 Amsterdam Concertgebouw. Bartok: *Music for strings, percus*sion and celeste (cond Haitink); Beethoven: Symphony No. 5 (cond Mengelberg); Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade (cond Kondrashin); Ravel: *La valse* (cond Haitink).
4 0 Chopin and Brahms. Piano recital by Barry Douglas.
5 0 Jazz Record Requests.
5 45 Critics' Forum chaired by Waldemar Januszczak.
6 35 Music for the Iron Voice. Organ works by George Bohm played by Graham Barber.
7 20 Oboe and Piano (George Caird / Clifford Benson). Britten: Temporal Variations; Priaulx Rainier: Pastoral Tryptich: Paul Patterson: Duologue.
8 0 1985 Cheltenham Festival: opening concert. European Baroque Orch / Roger Norrington. Frances Kelly (harp), Wladyslaw Klosiewicz (harpsichord). Handel: Concerti Grossi Op 6 Nos. 1 and 12; Harp Concerto in B flat.
8 50 The Oracle of Holland House, from Recollections of the Table *Talk of Samuel Rogers.*
9 10 Concert, part 2. Bach: Harpsichord Concerto No. 4: Suite No. 1.
10 0 Stravinsky (Serenade in A) and *Prokofiev (Sonata No 7). Boris* Berman (piano).
10 30 The Song of Roland. French epic in translation. Final part.
11 0 Mendelssohn: Piano Sonata Op 6 (Murray Perahia); String Quartet in A (Vermeer Quartet).
11 57 News.

Medium wave 10 55 - 6 35 Cricket: Third Test.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 News; Farming Today.
6 50 Prayer for the Day.
7 0 News; Today's Papers.
7 15 *On Your Farm.*
7 45 In Perspective.
7 50 Down to Earth.
8 0 News; Today's Papers.
8 15 Sport on 4.
8 48 Yesterday in Parliament.
9 0 News; *After Henry.* Comedy series.
9 35 Great Liners: End of an era.
9 50 News Stand. Weeklies reviewed.
10 5 The Week in Westminster.
10 30 Pick of the Week. Chosen by Glyn Worsnip.
11 30 From our own Correspondent.
12 0 News; A Small Country Living. Magazine for the rural-minded.
12 27 Quote . . . Unquote. Panel game.
1 0 News; Any Questions? David Steel, John Smith, Gerald Malone, Peter Maxwell Davies.
2 0 *News; Afternoon Play: Post* Mortem by Noel Coward.
3 0 News; Radio Active.
3 30 Explorers Extraordinary: Isabelle Eberhardt in the Sahara.
4 15 *Words by Hart. Songs by Rodgers* and Hart.
4 45 Work and I. Talk by Harry Soan.
5 0 Wildlife. Nature queries.
5 25 Week Ending. Satirical review of *the news.*
6 0 News.
6 25 With Great Pleasure: P. D. James, crime novelist, chooses poetry and prose.
7 5 Stop the Week.
7 45 Baker's Dozen. Musical lollipops.
8 30 Saturday-Night Theatre: Virgin Territory by Edwin Pearce. William Stead's fight 100 years ago against child prostitution.
10 0 News; Evening Service.
10 30 Animal Language: How bats see with sound.
11 0 Science Now: Improving crops.
11 30 Cliffhanger. Comedy of the occult.
12 0 News; Weather; interval.
12 33 Shipping forecast.

VHF: 3 0-5 0 pm Options.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 6 30 If You Don't Get Up You'll Miss It. 8 5 Get Gardening. 8 31 Playday. 9 30 Howsat! 11 3 Live Aid from Llangollen. 1 10 pm The Geevers Selection. 1 40 Roy Noble. 2 30 Summer Spin. 6 0-4 0 am As Radio 2.

Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather: Gweler Radio 4. 7 45 Byd Amaeth. 8 0 Newyddion. Dros ty Sbectol. 8 15 Ribidires. 9 0 Newyddion; Sgwrs 'da Slim. 9 30 Cadw Reiat. 11 0 Newyddion. Brywes a Biryani. 12 2 pm Byd Y Bel. 12 25 *Ma'en Rhy Hwyr I Droi 'Nol.* 12 55 Newyddion. Gweler Radio 4. 5 50 Newyddion: Chwaraeon. 6 0-Close Gweler Radio 4.

Scotland (370m): 6 0 am As Radio 4. 6 32 Farming News. 6 50 As Radio 4. 7 0 *News; Travel Time.* 7 38 *Weekly Report.* 8 0 News; Leisure Trail. 9 3 Andy Cameron's Saturday Club. 11 3 Call David Scott. 12 3 pm Jimmy Mack's Old Gold. 1 3 Jerry McKenzie's Tartan Terror Show. 2 2 Summer Sportsound. 6 0 News; Take the Floor. 7 30 Nashville Express. 8 30-*close As Radio 4.*

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SUNDAY

BBC-1

6 45-8 50 am Open University. 8 55 Play School. 9 15 Knock! Knock! *9 30 This Is the Day.* 10 0 Asian Magazine. 10 30 Open University. 12 35 pm Farming. 1 0 News headlines; Llangollen International Eisteddfod. 1 50 Cartoon. 2 0 Eastenders. *Omnibus edition with Ceefax sub-titles.* 2 55 Bonanza. 3 45 Cartoon. 3 55 Film: Champions — A Love Story (1979). James Vincent McNichol and Joy LeDuc. 5 30 The Rock 'n' Roll Years.

6 0 **WATCHDOG.** The pioneering consumer slot, one of the best bits of the defunct Nationwide and Sixty Minutes, becomes a fully-fledged live series. Presented by Nick Ross, it opens with a light-hearted report on which occupations — from builder to barrister — inspire the public's confidence or inspire mistrust.

6 30 **NEWS;** Weather News.

6 40 **HOME ON SUNDAY.** Cliff Michelmore visits Metropolitan Anthony, leader of Britain's Russian Orthodox community. Ceefax sub-titles.

7 15 **PROTOTYPE.** A season of new-to-TV *movies opens with this 1983 thriller which* brings the Frankenstein story twitching and scaring into the 21st century. Christopher Plummer plays the scientist whose humanoid creation (David Morse) is harmless — until the Pentagon spot his potential as an unconventional weapon.

8 45 **NEWS;** Weather News.

9 0 **WE'LL SUPPORT YOU EVER MORE.** Present-day Belfast is the setting for this play, first in a new run of Sunday night dramas, which writer Douglas Livingstone also directs. John Thaw leads, as the bereaved English father trying to find out how his soldier son died on a mission to Ulster two years previously — and who now hopes to glean new information at a supergrass trial. Ceefax sub-titles.

10 30 **CHOICES:** The Care Which Clocks Off. In the wake of the new child abuse investiga*tion procedures* published last week, Geoffrey Parkinson asks an invited audience to debate the role of the social worker.

11 5 **THE PAST AFLOAT:** Home from the Sea. Anthony Burton concludes his repeated series on our maritime tradition.

11 30 **HISTORY ON YOUR DOORSTEP.** What can we find out about the daily lives of the people who once lived in our neighbourhood? Fred Housego tells how to go about it, in the re-run social history series. 11 55 Weather; close.

Wales: 10 30 pm Llangollen International Eisteddfod. 11 15 Choices. 11 50 History on Your Doorstep. 12 15 am News: weather; close. **Scotland:** 2 55 pm What a Carry On. Film compilation. 3 25 The Beechgrove Garden.

BBC-2

7 15 am Open University.

1 55 **SUNDAY GRANDSTAND.** Introduced by Desmond Lynam, and including cricket action from one of *today's JPL matches, show jumping* from Hickstead, and coverage of the British Grand Prix moto-cross event at Farleigh Castle.

6 50 **NEWS REVIEW.** With sub-titles.

7 15 **GREAT COLLECTORS.** Henry P. McIlhenny's grandfather was the bright spark who invented gas meters, and made a fortune out of coins in the slot. Backed by the McIlhenny millions, young Henry studied art at Harvard, and set out for Europe to indulge his passion for 19th century French paintings, once snapping up a Delacroix and a *Renoir in one day's shopping. Latest* portrait in the series shows the elderly art-lover at home in Philadelphia, living in what he calls "luxurious senility," funded by the flogging of a single Cezanne for £4 millions.

8 5 **MUSIC FOR THE ROYAL FIREWORKS.** Highlights and skylights of last night's spectacular open-air concert in Hyde Park in honour of Handel's tercentenary and the City of Westminster's 400th anniversary, with the pyrotechnic display computer-coordinated with the music, performed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Andre Previn.

9 0 **THE TWO RONNIES.** Starting a repeat run of B. and C.'s last BBC-1 *series,* with guests Elaine Paige, Patrick Troughton joining in the jollity.

9 50 **LUCKY LADY.** The Burt Reynolds season continues with Stanley Donen's expensive flop of a caper about a trio of amateur rum-runners of the Prohibition era, plying their trade aboard a boat off the Californian coast. Co-starring are Gene Hackman and Liza Minnelli, who sings the odd song — as, indeed, does our hero.

11 45 **INTERNATIONAL SHOW JUMPING.** David Vine with highlights of today's Grand Prix event.

12 20 **MUSIC AT NIGHT.** Pianist Peter Katin plays Chopin's Barcarolle. 12 40 Close.

ITV London

6 55 am Good Morning Britain including *7 0 Rub-a-Dub-Tub; 8 0 Are You Awake* Yet; 8 30 The Sunday Programme with Jonathan Dimbleby. 9 25 LWT Information. 9 30 Porky Pig. 9 45 Swiftly and Shorty. *10 0 Morning Worship.* 11 0 Getting On. 11 30 Working for a Better Life. 12 0 Take 30. 12 30 pm Jobwatch. 1 0 Police 5. 1 15 The Smurfs. 1 30 Groovy Ghoulies. 2 0 The Sharks Rotary Club. 2 30 Athletics. 4 30 Pretenders. Oracle sub-titles. 5 0 Now You See It. 5 30 Simon & Simon.

6 30 **NEWS;** weather.

6 40 **MARY O'HARA AND FRIENDS.** The Irish singer returns to provide more musical entertainment tailored to the day with the youngsters of Highcliffe Junior Choir from Dorset joining her in this first show.

7 15 **WINNER TAKES ALL.** Jimmy Tarbuck with the gambling quiz.

7 45 **MURDER, SHE WROTE:** Death Casts a Spell. Another case for the *lady sleuth (Angela Lansbury), now* probing the killing of a hypnotist in this latest imported episode. Oracle sub-titles.

8 45 **NEWS;** weather.

9 0 **CONNIE:** 8. Continuing Ron Hutchinson's fully-fashioned saga of rag-trade rivalry, with Stephanie Beacham as the ruthless beauty, digging further into the dealings of the planning sub-committee with the aid of private eye Jardner (Anton Phillips) and meeting one useful male contact (Philip Locke) who can't be conned by her charms.

10 0 **TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED:** In the Cards. Susan Strasberg, Max Gail lead the latest twist-ending thriller, about a clairvoyant who can see her way to making a quick and easy fortune. Oracle sub-titles.

10 30 **THE JIMMY YOUNG TELEVISION PROGRAMME.** Would the re-introduction of the death penalty halt Britain's rising crime rate? JY chairs another heated debate from *the Queen's Hotel, Leeds. London* news headlines.

11 15 **LES MISERABLES:** 4. Lino Ventura leads the final instalment of the Victor Hugo dramatisation.

12 15 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with Rabbi Julia Neuberger. Closedown.

Channel 4

1 5 pm Irish Angle. 1 30 Face the Press: Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah, Oil and Industry Minister of Kuwait. 2 0 Film: The Phantom President (1932). With George M. Cohan, Claudette Colbert. 3 25 Film: Let Freedom Ring. 1939 Western musical with Nelson Eddy.

5 0 **BACK TO THE ROOTS.** Richard Mabey's repeated series introduces *us to some of the enthusiasts* — including the Bishop of Bath with his vegetable sanctuary — who are dedicated to keeping old plant varieties alive. News summary; weather.

5 30 **MOTHERS BY DAUGHTERS:** Sheila Hancock. Another repeated account *of a family relationship, with the* actress talking movingly to Bel Mooney.

6 15 **THE MISSISSIPPI:** Wheels of Justice. *Ralph Waite as the water-borne* lawyer.

7 15 **HERITAGE: CIVILISATION AND THE JEWS.** 7: The American Jewish *Experience. Abba Eban continues* the story of his people's relationships with other cultures and nations, looking now at the succes*sive waves of Jewish immigration to* "the Golden Land" from colonial times onwards, exploring the places where they chose to settle and the new lifestyle which they established.

8 15 **PEOPLE TO PEOPLE:** Giro — Is This the Modern World? How could the benefit system be improved for the benefit of those who can't get jobs through no fault of their own? A group of young Midlanders set out to investigate, to a rock background and by culling the views of the experts, like Ken Livingstone, Michael Meacher, Patrick Minford, and a lot of dole-queue youngsters.

9 15 **AMERICAN SHORT STORY:** The Jilting of Granny Weatherall. Geraldine Fitzgerald plays the old lady obsessed with her past in the last days of her life, in this dramatisation of a Katherine Anne Porter story. Shot by the renowned British cameraman Mike Fash, it opens an American-made series of films based on the work of writers like Hawthorne, Faulkner and Lardner.

10 15 **THE GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT.** Controversial in its day, Elia Kazan's Oscar-winning 1947 drama about anti-Semitism stars Gregory Peck as the Gentile magazine writer who poses as a Jew in order to investigate anti-Jewish prejudice. 12 25 Close.

Anglia

6 55 As London. 9 30 Survival. 10 0 As London. 1 0 Mr Smith. 1 25 Weather Trends. 1 30 Farming Diary. 2 0 Short Story Theatre. 2 30 As London. 5 30 Bygones. 6 0 For Valour. 6 30 As London. 12 10 The Bible for Today; close.

Central

6 55 As London. 9 25 Professor Kitzel. 9 30 Working For A Better Life. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Getting On. 11 30 Gardening Time. 12 0 Take 30. 12 30 Jobwatch. 1 0 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 1 30 The Adventurer. 2 0 That's Hollywood. 2 30 As London. 5 30 The A-Team. 6 30 As London. 11 15 Country Music Special. 12 15 Close.

Channel

6 55 As London. 9 25 Close. 12 25 Starting Point. 12 30 Link. 1 0 Gardens for All. 1 30 *The Great* Whites of Dangerous Reef. 2 30 As London. 5 30 Puffins Pla(i)ce. 5 33 The Fall Guy. 6 30 As London. 11 15 Short Story Theatre: Rainbow. 11 45 Benson. 12 10 Weather; close.

Granada

6 55 As London. 9 25 *Miniature Chess Masterpieces.* 9 35 The Human Face of the Pacific. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Working For A Better Life. 11 25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11 30 Down to Earth. 12 0 Take 30. 12 30 Jobwatch. 1 0 Battlestar Galactica. 2 0 Survival. 2 30 Athletics. 4 30 The Pretenders. 5 0 Cartoon Time. 5 15 Just Amazing. 6 0 The Zodiac Game. 6 30 As London. 11 15 Film: The Nightstalkers. 1971 chiller with Darren McGavin, Carol Lynley. 12 40 Close.

HTV

6 55 As London. 9 25 Adventures of the Mouse on Mars. 9 30 Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Getting On. 11 30 Working for a Better Life. 12 0 Take 30. 12 30 Jobwatch. 1 0 Ride. 1 30 West Country Farming. 2 0 The Protectors. 2 30 International Athletics. 4 30 Pretenders. 5 0 Definition. 5 30 Falcon Crest. 6 30 As London. 11 30 Travelling Man. 12 15 Weather; Close.

South

6 55 As London. 9 25 The Beary Family Album. 9 35 Fangface. 10 0 As London. 1 0 Agenda. 1 30 Levkas Man. 2 30 As London. 5 30 Hart to Hart. 6 25 TVS News. 6 30 As London. 12 15 am Company; close.

South-west

6 55 As London. 9 25 Getting On. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Working For A Better Life. 11 25 Look and See. 11 30 The South-west Week. 12 0 Take 30. 12 30 Jobwatch. 1 0 Gardens for All. 1 30 The Great Whites of Dangerous Reef. 2 30 As London. 5 30 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5 33 The Fall Guy. 6 30 As London. 11 15 The South-west Week. 11 45 Benson. 12 10 am Postscript; weather; close.

Tyne-Tees

6 55 As London. 9 25 Morning Glory. 9 30 Getting On. 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Working For A Better Life. 11 25 Lookaround. 11 30 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 12 30 Take 30. 1 0 Farming Outlook. 1 30 The Great Yorkshire Show. 2 30 As London. 5 30 Magnum. 6 30 As London. 11 15 The Beverly Hillbillies. 11 45 Epilogue; close.

Yorkshire

6 55 As London. 9 25 *Getting On.* 10 0 Morning Worship. 11 0 Working For A Better Life. 11 30 Farming Diary. 12 0 Take 30. 12 30 Jobwatch. 1 0 A Land, A Man, A God. 1 30 The Great Yorkshire Show. 2 30 Athletics. 4 30 Pretenders. 5 0 The Zodiac Game. 5 30 Cartoon Time. 5 45 Just Amazing. 6 30 As London. 12 15 Five Minutes; close.

S4C

1 50 Union World. 2 20 The Great Plant Collections. 2 50 Wales: Landscape and *Legend.* 3 20 People to People. 4 15 The Winds of War. 6 15 Heritage: Civilisation and the Jews. 7 20 Apel Coleg y Bala. 7 25 Newyddion. 7 30 Dawn Dweud. 8 0 Pwy Sy'n Perthyn? 8 30 Mwynhau'r Pethe. 9 5 Byd Cerdd. 10 0 Octopus — The Power of the Mafia. 11 10 People to People. 11 55 Seven Days. 12 25 Diwedd/Close.

Radio 1

6 0 am Mark Page. 8 0 Peter Powell. 10 0 Steve Wright. 12 30 pm Jimmy Savile's "Old Record" Club. 2 30 Adrian Juste. 4 0 The Other Side of the Facts. 5 0 Top 40. 7 0 Anne Nightingale. 9 0 Robbie Vincent. 11 0-12 0 The Ranking Miss P

Radio 2

4 0 am Steve Truelove. 6 0 George Ferguson. 7 30 Roger Royle. 9 0 Melodies for You. 11 0 Desmond Carrington. 1 0 pm David Hamilton Presents Two's Best. 2 0-6 30 medium wave Summer Sounds. 2 0 Benny Green. 3 0 Alan Dell. *4 0 Vernon and Maryetta Midgeley.* 4 30 Sing Something Simple. 5 0 As Radio 1. 6 30 Charlie Chester. 7 35 Glamorous Nights. 8 30 Sunday Half Hour. 9 0 Jack Brymer. 10 5 Songs from the Shows. 10 45 Peter Dickson. 11 0 Sounds of Jazz. 1 0 am Steve Madden. 3 0-4 0 David Hamilton Presents Two's Best.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather; News; Eugene Ormandy Philadelphia. Rimsky-Korsakov: Procession of the Nobles; Franck: Symphony in D minor.
8 0 Bach Cantatas 1724: No 177 — Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ. Linde Consort.
8 25 French Music for Wind Instruments. Faure: Fantaisie (Susan Milan, flute, Clifford Benson, piano); Poulenc: Trio for oboe, *bassoon, piano (Chamber Music* Soc of Lincoln Center); Saint-Saens: Oboe Sonata (Maurice Bourgue/Annie d'Arco).
9 0 News; Your Concert Choice. Strauss: *Allerseelen* (Kirsten Flagstad); Mozart: Clarinet Concerto (Alfred Prinz/Vienna PO/Bohm); Schumann: Frauenliebe und-leben (Kirsten Flagstad); Haydn: Symphony No. 73 (Philharmonia Hungarica/ Dorati).
10 30 Music Weekly.
11 15 Chicago SO/Michael Tilson Thomas. Stravinsky: Wind Symphony; Apollon musagete (11 55 Words); Tchaikovsky: Manfred Symphony.
12 55 Les arts florissants play works by Guillaume de Bouzignac, Etienne Moulinie, Charpentier.
1 40 Berlioz: Reverie et caprice (Itzhak Perlman/Paris Orch/Barenboim); Harold *in Italy* (William Lincer, viola, NYPO/Bernstein).
2 30 Songs with an American Connection by Barber, Susa and Ives. Henry Herford (bar), *Robin* Bowman (piano).
3 15 Nash Ensemble. Mozart: Serenade K375; Barber: Summer Music; (3 55 Interval); Hummel: Partita in E flat; Poulenc: Sextet.
4 35 Fibich: Symphony No. 3. Brno State PO/Jiri Belohlavek.
5 15 A Truce in Terror. Conversation with Brian Urquhart, Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs at the UN.
6 0 Harrison Birtwistle: Clarinet Quintet. Played by The Music Party.
6 30 Eurydice. Last in a season of plays by Jean Anouilh. A musician and and actress meet at a lonely railway station and fall in love. Interval at 7 45.
9 0 Debussy (Preludes, Book 2) and Ravel (Gaspard de la nuit). Joaquin Achucarro (piano).
9 50 Northern Sinfonia/Richard Hickox, Peter Lawson (piano). Haydn: Symphony No. 48; Robin *Holloway: Idyll; Martinu:* Sinfonietta giocosa.
11 0 Lindsay Quartet. Beethoven: Quartet Op 132.
11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 News; Morning Has Broken.
7 0 *News; Sunday Papers;* 7 15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye; 7 45 Bells; 7 50 Turning Over New Leaves.
8 0 News; Sunday Papers.
8 15 Sunday.
8 50 Appeal: The Treloar Trust.
9 0 News; Sunday Papers.
9 15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.
9 30 Morning Service.
10 15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11 15 The Colour Supplement. Magazine including contributions from Chris Bonnington, Victor and Marilyn Lownes.
1 0 The World This Weekend: News
2 0 News; Gardeners' Question Time. Listeners' postbag.
2 30 Afternoon Play: Touched, by *Stephen Lowe. Three sisters in* the "phoney peace" of 1945.
4 0 News; Heritage: working-men's houses.
4 30 The Living World: Red squirrels on the Isle of Wight.
5 0 News; Down Your Way: Gleneagles.
6 0 News; Treasure Islands: Joseph Hone in St Lucia and Martinique.
6 30 A Good Read. Paperback choice.
7 0 XPD. Thriller serial by Len Deighton (7).
7 30 In the Psychiatrist's Chair. Psychiatrist Dr R. D. Laing gets a taste of his own medicine from Dr Anthony Clare.
8 5 Law in Action.
8 30 Young Lives: homeless 18-year olds.
9 0 News; Kidnapped and Catriona by R. L. Stevenson (5).
10 0 News; Antigone at Bradfield. Greek drama at Bradfield College, Berkshire.
11 0 The Play's the Thing: modern drama and moral issues.
11 15 Inside Parliament.
12 0 News; weather; interval.
12 33 Shipping forecast. Close.

VHF: 6 45-7 45 am Open University. *4 0-6 0 pm Options.*

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 8 0 As Radio 4. 8 10 Celebration. 8 40 Letter from America. 9 5 All Things Considered. 9 32 Landmark. 10 2 Roundabout at Work. 11 0 Sounds *Unforgettable.* 12 2 pm If I Were You. 12 30 First Edition. 1 15 Ways of Wales. 2 15 Sunday Spin. 2 30 As Radio 4. 4 2 Sunday Spin. 4 30 As Cymru. 5 5 Sunday Spin. 6 15 As Radio 4. 7 30-4 0 am As Radio 2.

Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am *Weather:* Gweler Radio 4. 6 45 Open University. 7 45 Gweler Radio 4. 9 0 Newyddion: Papurau. 9 10 Segura. 9 50 Manylu. 10 30 Dyweru'r Amser. 11 2 Cywair. 11 45 Oedfa'r Bore. 12 20 pm Wythnos i'w Chofio. 1 0 O'r Newydd. 1 40 Byw yn y Wlad. 2 0 Gweler Radio 4. *4 2 Byd Natur.* 4 30 Caniadaeth y Cysegr. 5 0 Canllaw. 5 30 Dewch am Dro. 6 0 Gweler Radio 4. 6 5 Tchaikovsky. 8 45 Ar Dro. 9 15 Byd Gwyn Fydd Byd a Gano. 10 3 Talwrn y Beirdd. 10 45 Ar Derfyn Dydd. 11 0-Close Gweler Radio 4.

Scotland (370m): 6 30 am As Radio 4. 7 45 Letter from America. 8 0 As Radio 4. 8 10 Harry Gray's Greetings Programme. 8 55 Week's Good Cause. 9 0 News; Let Us Worship. 10 0 News; The Reel Blend. 11 2 Andy Cameron's Sunday Joint. 1 0 *News; Gerry Davis. 2 30 Prospect.* 3 2 In The Country. 3 30 The Musical Garden. 4 30 The John Kerr Interview. 5 0 News. As Radio 4. 5 50 Sunday Extra. 6 0-Close As Radio 4.

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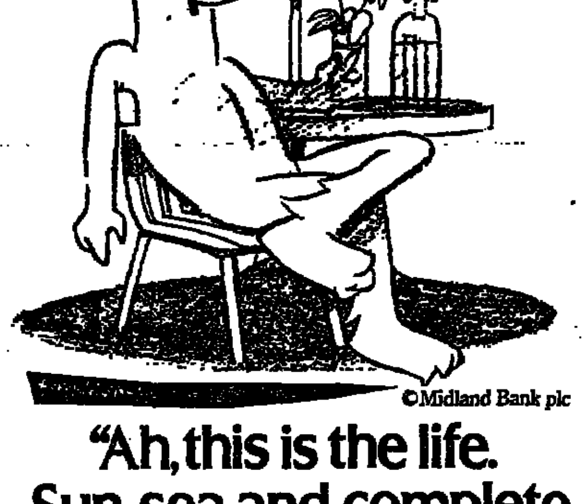

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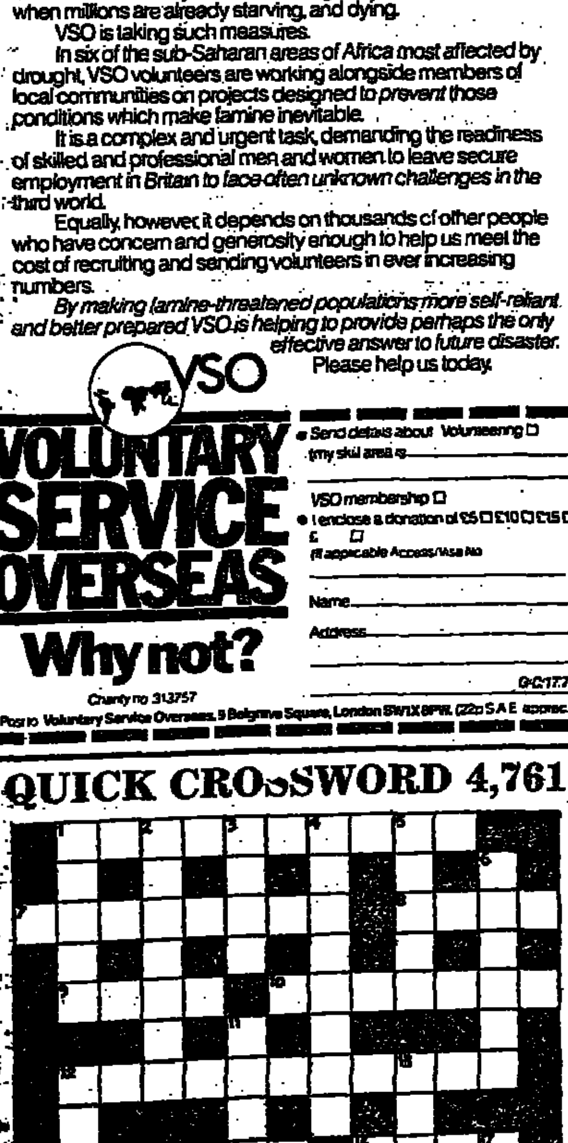

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1 Medley (10).
7 Number of President Wilson's points (8).
8 Footwear — luggage carrier (4).
9 Part of egg (4).
10 Gainsborough picture (4, 3).
12 (Substitute for) chamois (4-7).
14 Feeling (7).
16 Mass (for buying in!) (4).
19 Footwear — block up! (4).
20 Warn of trouble to come (8).
21 Accompaniment of bacon and eggs (5, 5).

DOWN
1 Feeling sullen or out of sorts (5).
2 Excess (7).
3 They are made amorously (4).
4 Stately home in Wiltshire (8).
5 Old Gold coin (5).
6 Reputation or distinction (6).
11 Family relationship (5, 3).
12 Nun's headdress (6).
13 Traction (7).
15 Fierce beast (5).
17 Work up into dough (5).
18 Uninteresting in appearance (4).

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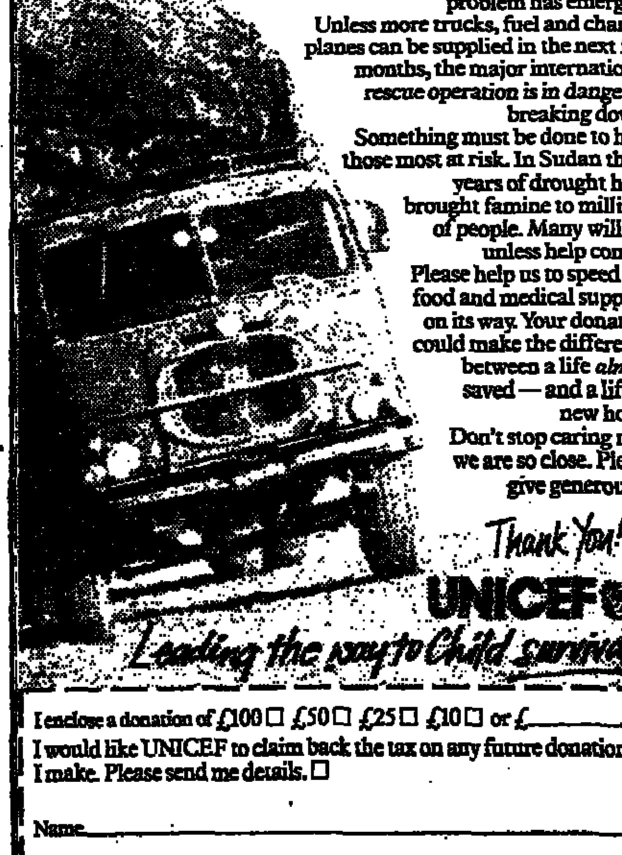

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Warrior flotilla prepares to sail

By Ian Templeton in Wellington and Paul Brown

A flotilla of small ships led by the Greenpeace ketch, the Vega, is being assembled in New Zealand and will sail to Mururoa to carry on the protest against French nuclear tests, the Greenpeace international board decided yesterday.

In New Zealand, the police investigating the Rainbow Warrior sinking have found a small rubber dinghy of the type used by the navy abandoned in Auckland harbour. Residents saw a man haul the dinghy out of the water and abandon it about two hours before the explosion.

Lieutenant Mike Ramsay, head of the naval diving school, who has been working on the wreck, said that limpet mines were normally about five kilos because they had to be carried by swimmers.

"Judging by the size of these explosions they were caused by something much bigger than that. You would be looking at probably 20 kilos of explosive to do the damage on the Rainbow Warrior."

The police have sought Interpol's aid to trace a Frenchman seen on board the Greenpeace ship on Wednesday before the twin explosions which sank her and killed the crewman Fernando Pereiro.

The Frenchman left the country the following day and police think he flew to Tahiti.

They would not say whether the Frenchman was connected with the container vessel La Rochelle, which was berthed beside the Warrior at the time of the explosion and later sailed.

The crew will be interviewed by police when the ship arrives in Lyttleton in the South Island of New Zealand today.

Dr Patrick Moore, a Greenpeace director, said he believed the bombs were planted by a non-government extremist organisation with paramilitary overtones. "It cannot be a publicity seeking crank because he would have come forward by now."

The French Embassy in Wellington expressed sympathy and stressed that France was not involved.

Money has begun arriving at the Greenpeace London office in response to the twin appeals for the replacement or repair of Rainbow Warrior and a trust fund for Mr Pereiro's children. Last night £3,000 has been collected, including one £1,000 cheque.

Labour urged to end abortion fight and open talks on authority's demise

Livingstone alters tack over GLC

By John Carvel, Political Correspondent

Mr Ken Livingstone, leader of the Greater London Council, is embarking on a controversial change of tactics to persuade the London Labour Party to stop obstructing the abolition of his council.

He wants to ensure that no blame is attached to the Labour Party for the chaos which he predicts will be caused by ministers' abolition programme.

Although the Local Government Bill has not yet completed ts final stages in the House of Lords Mr Livingstone has accepted that it will be implemented.

In a paper to the Labour Party's London regional executive, which will be discussed by the GLC Labour group on Monday, he argues that Labour should abandon its policy of boycotting the arrangement for running London after April, 1986.

He says that the party should take up its seats on the joint board which is to run the London fire brigade, and that the GLC should open negotiations with the Staff Commission, quangos and boroughs which are involved in the GLC's demise.

But he stops short of arguing for outright cooperation with the Government over the dismemberment of his authority and urges Labour councillors to refuse to serve on the unelected residuary body which will wind down miscellaneous GLC affairs after April next year.

"To cooperate with the Government would involve us in sitting down to discuss and plan the reductions in jobs and services that abolition is designed to achieve and is therefore unacceptable both to the public and the party," he says in the report to the regional executive. "But simply to ignore the passage of the abolition bill and do nothing would actually increase the disruption next year in a way that would worsen the cuts in services and loss of jobs."

Mr Livingstone's intervention is likely to please the Labour leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, whose attempt to cultivate the responsible image of a prime minister in waiting has not been helped by Labour council's tussles with the law.

But it is by no means certain, to be greeted with equal enthusiasm in the Labour metropolitan counties which face abolition on the same date.

In South Yorkshire, for example, Labour district council face dilemma over whether they should take up their seats on the joint board which will be set up to run public transport. Government controls on the board's spending will oblige it to introduce big increases in bus fares which the metropolitan county council had kept frozen for more than a decade.

Labour councillors in South Yorkshire fear that they will suffer odium if they leave the bus service defenceless by refusing to join the board and contempt if they join and put up the fares.

The Labour Party national executive committee will discuss this problem on July 23, but is unlikely to resolve it. Nominations for borough and district councillors to sit on the joint boards are due in by the end of August.

The problem for Labour in London is less acute because, unlike the metropolitan counties, the GLC has never had responsibility for the police and was stripped last year of its public transport functions.

Mr Livingstone's report, which his GLC group is expected to support on Monday night, recognises the inevitability of abolition, which will delight the government's business managers in the Lords. The bill returns there on Monday for consideration of Commons amendments, and Opposition peers were planning a last attempt to delay its enactment.

In his report, dated July 8, Mr Livingstone says that there is no chance of further amendment or defeat. He argues: "The Government have been trying for some time to create the climate of opinion in which the Labour Party gets the blame for the disruption of and reduction in services that will occur after abolition.

"Statements from people like Jenkin and Baker that we are preparing a 'scorched earth' policy have been linked with pleas to stop campaigning against abolition and cooperate in an orderly transfer of power to the quangos which will take over the administration of London's services after March 31, 1986.

"To behave in a way which gave credence to the Government's propaganda would be extremely damaging to the prospects of the party in the May, 1986 London borough council elections," he says.

Fowler assumes powers to veto councils' choices on health boards

By ndrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

The Social Services Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler, is assuming powers to veto the appointment of local representatives t health authorities, it was disclosed last night.

Under regulations to be introduced next week councils will be forced to seek his consent if they want to replace members on district health authorities before their term of office expires.

It means that the Government will be taking a degree of control over the last remaining democratic element in the health service.

Local council representatives — four to each of the 192 district health authorities — are the only members not appointed directly by Mr Fowler or by his appointees on the regional authorities.

They are appointed for terms of up to four years. Councils can change their representatives if they feel they are not reflecting local opinion or if the party in power changes.

Earlier this week Mr Fowler threatened to dismiss the entire West Lambeth health authority in south London unless members introduced a budget cutting patient services by £1 million. Labour appointed new health authority representatives when it took control of Lambeth two years ago.

the Health Minsiter, Mr Keneth Clarke, who announced the regulations last night, denied tht the move represented political interference.

He said: "The change will in no way prevent a local authority proposing to replace one of its appointees where, for example, overall political control of the council changes or the council genuinely loses confidence in an appointee."

The minister then explained the justification for the change: "A number of local authorities have tried to mandate their appointees to speak or vote on certain issues contrary to their personal judgment. When a member has refused to act in that way some local authorities have terminated the appointment and replaced the member with one who will do what they want."

Health authority members were appointed for their personal qualities, Mr Clarke said. "They are not there to be mandated to represent any sectional or particular interest."

The shadow social services secretary, Mr Michael Meacher, last night condemned the Government's move as destroying local accountability.

Building societies agree on merger

By Margaret Dibben, Money Editor

The largest merger in building society history will be completed next year when the Nationwide and Woolwich form a £15 billion organisation. They launched a six-month investigation yesterday into the benefits but have already decided on the leading management and head office location.

The merger will not change the Nationwide's position as third largest society, after the Halifax and Abbey National, but will take the Woolwich up from fifth. Together they have 5.8 million savers and 850,000 borrowers.

The reasons for the merger, given by the chief executive of the Nationwide, Mr Tim Melville-Ross, are the need for "sheer physical size of financial resources" for large technological investment. And the ability to compete with other societies and financial institutions such as American banks.

Mr Leonard Williams — to be chairman

The economies will also include reduced automation and advertsing costs but Mr Melville-Ross said that the level of cost reductions alone was not enough to justify merging.

Ne building societw legislation due in 18 months' time will open the wa for societies to offer many more services.

The two societies have similar philosophies in many areas: they offer the cheapest building society home loan rates and are the only ones not to impose differentials for larger mortgages. Both have a commitment to inner city regeneration and have formed housing associations to promote building in depressed parts of the country.

Mr Leonard Williams of the Nationwide will be chairman and Mr Melville-Ross chief executive. Mr Donald Kirkham of the Woolwih will be chief general manager and Mr Alan McLintock, as vice-chairman, will explore the avenues opened by new legislation. Mr Melville-Ross was appointed chief executive of the Nationwide last February at tht age of 40.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE: An orange bandsman is greeted during a Belfast march

Joseph stonewalls teachers' deal

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made possible by a novel form of tail end-loading.

The final instalment, which is conditional on both sides reaching agreement on a teachers' contract, would be paid in March, at the very end of the current pay year.

The cost would not be felt until 1986-87 and would in theory fall on the Government, which has agreed to provide an unspecified level of support to fund a structure deal approved by Sir Keith Joseph.

The package consists of:

● A first stage increase, backdated to April, of 5 per cent, or £480 — whichever is the greater — which would add 5.4 per cent to the total salary bill of £4.3 billion. That would give the lowest paid teachers the largest rises of between 8.2 per cent and 7.6 per cent, according to the employers.

A new graduate entering teaching at £6,252 a year would gain 7.68 per cent.

● One per cent from November 1, when the two lowest salary scales would be merged added 0.4 per cent to wage costs. It would be conditional on agreement on a new salary structure and conditions of service

● 1.5 per cent in March if Sir Keith Joseph approved an agreed structure reform package.

Sir Keith wants an agreement on a formal description of teachers' duties and responsibilities, the introduction of appraisal of classroom performance and an agreed py structure which encourges recruitment nd meets mngement needs.

He has set an October deadline for agreement in principle after which it would be "simply too late" for the cost to be included in the 1986-7 rate support grant settlement.

Tying up that package and gaining access to the money it carries is crucial. The first two instalments would stretch local authority finances to the limit this year and guarantee that many education authorities would suffer overspending penalties.

The union side insists that the only firm and unconditional figure yet put forward is the first instalment of 5 per cent or £480, which the NUT regards as unacceptable.

The unions' claim is for at least £1,200 all round, costing nearly 12.5 per cent, as a first stage towards restoring the 30 per cent fall in salary levels since 1974

RCs saved from beer, bigotry

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the rumours started: Ian Paisley was coming and bringing thousands with him.

Snat squads of soldiers forced wedges into the crowd to pluck out the worst offenders, making half a dozen arrests and dragging their prisoners back through the lines and into Land-Rovers.

Most of the houses in Obins Street, where there are the usual graffiti in support of the IRA, had drawn shutters.

Portadown has been called the citadel by Mr Paisley. It also has murky connections with the outlawed Protestant paramilitary organisation, the Ulster Volunteer Force.

"We are not worried about tonight," one middle-aged man said. "It is three, four, days or a week from now that the loyalists will come back, when all the soldiers and the peelers have gone. That is what we are worried about."

Until early last night the July 12th violence in Northern Ireland had been confined to Portadown. Thirteen police officers were injured in the fighting there, three of them being taken to hospital.

Airlines pay $48m

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throughout the Laker litigation, and continue to deny, than there was any attempt on our part to drive Laker Airways out of business or to breach US anti-trust laws.

A settlement with Laker creditors was almost concluded in February but held up by the refusals of Sir Freddie and later Mr Beckman to accept

Ironically, it was Mr Morris of the city accountants, Touche Ross who is responsible for employing Mr Beckman.

Mr Morris agreed to pay Mr Beckman the standard US fee of 20 per cent of any damages paid, but Mr Beckman has spurned the offer of 20 per cent of the agreed settlement, arguing that he is entitled to 20 per cent of the total settlement had all Laker creditors been paid in full.

THE GUARDIAN PRIZE PUZZLE 17,287

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A £20 cash prize will be awarded to the sender of the first correct solution opened, and three book tokens, each of £10, for the next three. Send your entry to Guardian Prize Crossword No. 17,287, The Guardian, 164 Deansgate, Manchester M60 2RR, to arrive not later than first post on Thursday next week. Solution and winners' names in The Guardian on Monday, July 22.

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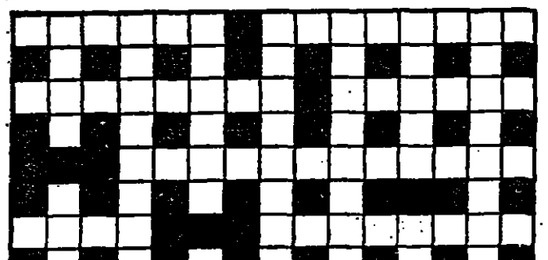

A, painter maybe can with oil, e.g. (8).
B, o'er the sea Home ruler takes year's start (8).
C, give (a name) in passing, go and see (4, 2).
D, wrong indite where fire is — fall apart (12).
E, cooling winds — too soon around — set free (8).
F, splendid way to be deprived of cash (4).
G, twist or target, execute or mug (8).
H, mourning flag from mountain with a flash (4-4).
I, old school punishment: I'm on a drug (5).
J, girl — she lives with Toby (not the jug) (4).
K, little monarch soft on sounding horn (6).
L, heavy stuff that must be Number One (4).
M, doctor's turn to set — blow! How it's run! (9).
N, loony's tune returned by beast that's worn (6).
O, US lines at night take bird and suite (3-5).
P, sanctum — tax a form of leap in cost (7, 5).
Q, Mary, if that's right, how much will say (10).
R, Absolute and Beverley compete (5).
S, herb, not sweet when upper class is lost (6).
T, splendid ways to cook flesh hotpot (Gray) ... (3, 5, 2, 5). ... that L but to a (Marvell) F and P (3, 5).
U, preposition Mount of Olives had (4).
V, Iv'ry Coast, one off, in veins is bad (10).
W, know a song of climbing tree (8).
X, cactus? Prize in stream, both top to tail (9).
Y, sort of pipe in solvers' shout of glee (6).
Z, fastens same, twixt end and start of rail (6).

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Gay accused wait until August 20 for trial decision

By Nicholas de Jongh, Arts Correspondent

The nine defendants in the Gay's the Word conspiracy case will have to wait until August 20 before hearing whether they are to be sent for trial.

At the end of legal submissions yesterday, the final day of committal proceedings, the magistrate Mr C. L. Bourke asked defence counsel, Mr Geoffrey Robertson, for a day next month when all the defendants would be available.

The defendants, eight directors of Gay's the Word Bookshop, central London, and one member of staff, together and individually face 100 charges relating to a conspiracy fraudulently to evade prohibitions on importing indecent or obscene material. None of them has yet been asked how he or she pleads.

Mr Robertson argued that the material was not indecent as the word could be construed for the purposes of the charges; that there was no evidence that the defendants knew the material — nearly 150 titles including works by Jean Genet, Gore Vidal and Allen Ginsberg — was indecent or obscene; and that there was no evidence of a fraudulent evasion of the prohibiton.

He said that the origin of the 1876 Customs Act was to prevent imports of indecent chessmen or figures which were being sent to a girls' boarding school.

The defendants had had books sent to their homes rather than the bookshop in an attempt to avoid the Customs' "rule of thumb" that anything with gay in the title would be seized.

Mr Stuart Lawson-Rogers, prosecuting, said that each book would have to be considered as a whole and that it would be wrong for the magistrate to look at comparable heterosexual material available in newsagents.

The test which had to be applied was not that of deception but of "dishonest conduct" designed to evade the prohibition."

THE WEATHER

Sunny periods

DEPRESSION to N of Scotland will move away NE. A frontal trough across N Wales, N England and S Scotland will drift slowly SE.

London, E Anglia, SE, Cent S, E and Cent N England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Rather cloudy at first, sunny periods developing. Wind S light. Max temp 22–24C (72–75F).

SW England, S Wales: Rather cloudy at first, sunny periods developing but coastal fog patches persisting. Wind S light. Max 20–22C (68–72F), cooler on coasts.

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Rather cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle and coastal fog patches. Wind SW light or moderate. Max 17–19C (63–66F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth: Mainly dry, sunny periods. Wind SW moderate. Max 17–19C (64–66F).

S Westland, Argyll, N Ireland: Sunny periods, isolated showers. Wind SW, light. Max 18–20C (64–68F).

NE and NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny periods, scattered showers. Wind SW, moderate or fresh. Max 15–17C (59–63F).

Outlook: Some rain extending into S areas. Smaller elsewhere.

LONDON READINGS

From 7 pm Thursday to 7 am yesterday: Min temp 16C (61F). From 7 am to 7 pm yesterday: Max temp 23C (73F). Total period: sunshine, 2.8 hours; rain, trace.

MANCHESTER READINGS

From 7 pm Thursday to 7 am yesterday: Min temp 16C (61F). From 7 am to 7 pm yesterday: Max temp 21C (70F). Total period: sunshine, 0.2 hours; rain, 0.05in.

TODAY

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	10.25 pm to 4.35 am
Birmingham	9.56 pm to 4.30 am
Bristol	9.53 pm to 4.39 am
Glasgow	10.25 pm to 4.20 am
London	9.44 pm to 4.28 am
Manchester	10.03 pm to 4.27 am
Newcastle	10.09 pm to 4.25 am
Nottingham	9.57 pm to 4.25 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	11.00 am	11.21 pm
Dover	8.41 am	8.57 pm
Liverpool	8.24 am	9.02 pm

SUN RISES 4.57 am
SUN SETS 9.14 pm
MOON RISES 1.16 am
MOON SETS 5.28 pm
MOON: New July 17.

AROUND THE WORLD

LUNCH-TIME REPORTS

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	Th	29	84	Lucerne	F	27	81
Algiers	S	31	88	London	F	21	70
Amsterdam	C	20	68	*L Angeles	F	25	77
Athens	S	30	86	Luxembourg	F	21	70
*Barbados	F	29	84	Madrid	S	30	86
Barcelona	S	27	81	Majorca	S	30	86
Beirut	S	35	95	Malaga	S	27	81
Belgrade	S	25	77	Malta	S	29	84
*Bermuda	F	27	81	Manchester	R	18	64
Berlin	F	24	75	Melbourne	R	11	52
Biarritz	S	27	81	*Mexico C	S	20	68
Birmingham	C	20	68	*Miami	F	29	84
Bordeaux	S	27	81	*Montreal	S	21	70
*Boston	S	28	82	Moscow	C	20	68
Boulogne	S	18	64	Munich	F	23	73
Brussels	F	23	73	Nairobi	F	24	75
Budapest	F	25	77	Naples	S	31	88
*B Aires	S	11	52	Newcastle	F	20	68
Cairo	S	35	95	New Delhi	C	29	84
Cape Town	C	13	55	*New York	S	29	84
Cardiff	C	20	68	Nice	S	28	82
Casablanca	F	24	75	Oporto	C	18	68
*Chicago	F	23	73	Oslo	C	18	64
Cologne	F	24	75	Paris	F	25	77
Copenhagen	F	21	70	Peking	F	26	79
Corfu	S	31	88	Prague	F	23	73
Dublin	C	19	66	Reykjavik	S	9	48
Dubrovnik	S	25	77	Rhodes	S	29	84
Edinburgh	C	19	66	*Rio de Jan	C	19	66
Faro	S	24	75	Riyadh	S	42	108
Florence	F	31	88	Rome	F	28	82
Frankfurt	F	22	72	Salzburg	F	27	81
Funchal	F	23	73	Stockholm	C	21	70
Geneva	S	25	77	Strasbourg	F	24	75
Gibraltar	S	25	77	Tangier	F	29	84
Glasgow	C	17	63	Tel-Aviv	S	29	84
Helsinki	Th	21	70	Tokyo	C	29	84
Hong Kong	F	31	88	Tunis	S	32	90
Innsbruck	S	25	77	Valencia	S	29	84
Jerusalem	C	16	61	*Vancouver	S	21	70
Istanbul	F	24	75	Venice	S	27	81
Las Palmas	S	25	77	Vienna	F	24	75
Lisbon	S	22	72	Warsaw	F	22	72
Locarno	S	23	73	*Washington	S	31	88
Zurich	S	23	73				

C, cloudy; F, fair; R, rain; S, sunny; Th, thunder.
* Previous day's reading.

TOMORROW

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	10.24 pm to 4.36 am
Birmingham	9.55 pm to 4.31 am
Bristol	9.52 pm to 4.40 am
Glasgow	10.24 pm to 4.22 am
London	9.43 pm to 4.29 am
Manchester	10.02 pm to 4.28 am
Newcastle	10.08 pm to 4.16 am
Nottingham	9.56 pm to 4.27 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	11.57 am	— pm
Dover	9.40 am	9.56 pm
Liverpool	9.25 am	9.56 pm

SUN RISES 4.58 am
SUN SETS 9.13 pm
MOON RISES 1.38 am
MOON SETS 6.40 pm
MOON: New July 17.

AROUND BRITAIN

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6 pm yesterday:

	Sunshine hours (hrs)	Rain (ins)	Max temp C	Max temp F	Weather (day)
ENGLAND					
London	2.8	—	23	73	Bright
Birmingham	2.4	—	22	72	Sunny pm
Bristol	1.2	—	22	72	Bright
Norwich	1.2	—	23	73	Cloudy
Blackpool	—	.10	18	64	Rain
Manchester	0.2	.05	21	70	Rain
Nottingham	2.0	—	22	72	Bright
Newcastle	2.4	.05	21	70	Showers pm
Carlisle	0.1	.24	17	63	Rain
EAST COAST					
Tynemouth	2.5	.06	21	79	Cloudy
Scarborough	1.5	—	22	72	Cloudy
Bridlington	0.7	—	21	70	Cloudy
Skegness	2.4	—	23	73	Bright
Cromer	3.8	—	22	72	Bright
Lowestoft	0.3	—	23	73	Cloudy
Clacton	2.0	—	23	73	Bright pm
Margate	*	—	23	73	Sunny pm
Herne Bay	6.0	—	23	73	Bright
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	8.4	—	19	66	Bright
Hastings	6.5	—	20	68	Sunny pm
Brighton	4.0	—	18	64	Bright
Worthing	5.3	—	19	66	Bright
Littlehampton	4.4	—	21	70	Cloudy
Bognor Regis	4.7	—	19	66	Bright
Hayling I	3.6	—	21	70	Bright
Southsea	4.0	—	21	70	Cloudy
Ryde	3.0	—	21	70	Cloudy
Sandown	3.1	—	21	70	Bright
Shanklin	4.6	—	20	68	Bright
Ventnor	3.3	—	18	64	Bright
Bournemouth	1.7	.02	19	66	Cloudy
Poole	1.9	—	22	72	Cloudy
Swanage	2.2	.02	19	66	Cloudy
Weymouth	1.8	—	18	64	Cloudy
Exmouth	0.8	—	20	68	Cloudy
Teignmouth	1.5	—	21	70	Cloudy
Torquay	1.2	—	21	70	Cloudy
Falmouth	4.5	—	20	68	Sunny
Penzance	2.9	.11	20	68	Bright
Isles of Scilly	4.2	.01	20	68	Sunny pm
Jersey	7.7	—	25	77	Bright
Guernsey	3.0	—	21	70	Cloudy
WEST COAST					
Newquay	4.0	.03	21	70	Sunny pm
Ilfracombe	4.5	.05	20	68	Sunny pm
Weston-S-Mare	3.5	—	22	72	Sunny pm
Southport	—	.04	19	66	Showers pm
Morecambe	—	.74	17	63	Rain
Douglas	—	.51	15	59	Fog pm
WALES					
Cardiff	3.1	.11	21	70	Bright
Anglesey	—	.35	16	61	Rain
Prestatyn	0.1	—	19	66	Cloudy pm
Colwyn Bay	3.0	—	20	68	Bright pm
Tenby	0.1	.09	18	64	Sunny
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	—	.72	15	59	Rain
Prestwick	0.3	.47	19	66	Rain
Glasgow	0.6	.57	19	66	Showers pm
Tiree	0.7	.14	14	57	Rain
Stornoway	0.9	.01	15	59	Cloudy
Lerwick	1.1	.07	15	59	Rain am
Wick	0.2	.09	17	63	Rain
Kinloss	1.8	.24	19	66	Rain pm
Aberdeen	4.5	.20	22	72	Rain pm
Leuchars	2.1	.13	20	68	Showers pm
Edinburgh	1.7	.11	22	72	Showers pm
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	1.4	.43	20	68	Showers pm

SATELLITE PREDICTIONS

The figures give in order, time and visibility when rising, maximum elevation and direction of setting. An asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

TODAY

London

Astra: 23.31–23.39 NNW 30WNW SW.
Cosmos 58: 23.17–23.23 NNW 25NE E. (July 14) 0.54–0.58 NW 50W SSW*.
Cosmos 151R: 23.14–23.20 WNW 55NE ESE. (July 14) 0.50–0.53 WNW 35SW SW*.
Cosmos 358: 23.35–23.39 S* 55ENE NNE. (July 14) 7.10–7.13 W 15NW NNW.
Cosmos 546R: 22.49–22.55 WSW 60S E. (July 14) 0.26–0.32 W 70SE E.
Meteor 28: 23.12–23.19 N 35WNW SW.
Salyut 7: 23.16–23.21 W 80ENE E. (July 14) 0.52–0.53 W 25W W*.

Manchester

Astra: 23.31–23.39 NNW 35WNW SW.
Cosmos 58: 23.16–23.22 NNW 30NNE E. (July 14) 0.54–0.58 NW 55SW S*.
Cosmos 151R: 23.13–23.19 WNW 80NNW ESE. (July 14) 0.50–0.53 W 30SSW SSW*.
Cosmos 358: 23.35–23.40 S* 45ESE NE. (July 14) 1.10–1.14 W 20NW N.
Cosmos 546R: 22.49–22.59 SW 40SSE E. (July 14) 0.26–0.31 WSW 50SSW ESE.
Meteor 28: 23.11–23.18 N 50WNW SW.
Salyut 7: 23.16–23.21 W 50SE ESE. (July 14) 0.51–0.53 W 30SW SW*.

TOMORROW

London

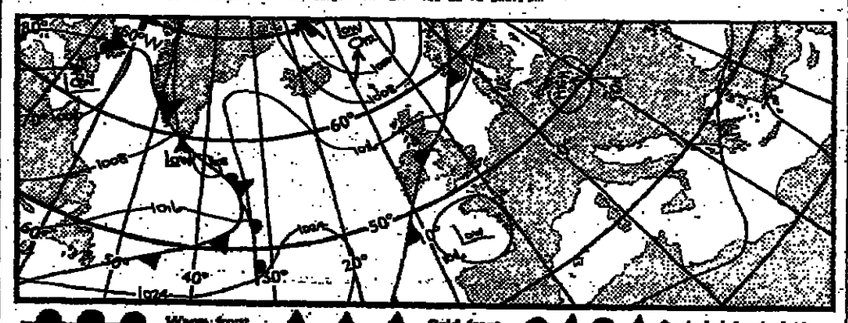
Astra: 22.55–23.04 N 55WNW SSW.
Cosmos 58: 22.57–23.02 NNW 25NNE E. (July 15) 0.34–0.38 NW 60SW S.*
Cosmos 151R: 22.24–22.35 WNW 45N E. (July 15) 0.06–0.10 WNW 50SW SSE*.
Cosmos 358: 22.54–22.59 SSE* 80ESE NE. (July 15) 0.29–0.33 W 25NW N.
Cosmos 546R: 23.35–23.41 W 65WSW E. (July 15) 1.12–1.15 W 50SSW SSW*.
Meteor 28: 23.13–23.20 N 35NW SW.
Salyut 7: 22.09–22.14 W 60W E. 23.44–23.48 W 70S ESE*.

Manchester

Astra: 22.54–23.04 N 65W SSW. (July 15) 0.36–0.40 NW 15WNW W.
Cosmos 58: 22.56–23.02 NNW 30NE E. (July 15) 0.33–0.38 NW 56WSW SSE*.
Cosmos 151R: (July 15) 0.06–0.10 W 40WSW SSE*.
Cosmos 358: 22.54–22.59 SSE 25ESE NE. (July 15) 0.28–0.34 WSW 35WNW N.
Cosmos 546R: 23.35–23.41 WSW 55SE ESE. (July 15) 1.12–1.15 W 35S S*.
Meteor 28: 23.13–23.20 N 45WNW SW.
Salyut 7: 23.44–23.48 W 45SW SE*.

SEA PASSAGES

S North Sea: moderate becoming smooth. Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): moderate.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea: moderate, becoming slight.



Warm front. Cold front. Occluded front. Isobars are drawn for every four millibars. Arrows on the smaller map show wind direction, figures in circles show wind speed. Figures outside circles show temperature. Letters show expected weather as follows: b, blue sky; bc, half-clouded; c, cloudy; o, overcast; f, fog; d, drizzle; h, hail; m, mist; r, rain; s, snow; th, thunderstorm; p, showers. Arrows on the larger map show direction of movement of pressure areas.

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